

Upcoming Tribal Council meeting cancelled

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Fifth Legislature has rescinded their Legislative Order, Bill No. 5L-LO-2015-02-001 dated Feb. 10, 2015 calling for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council on March 14, 2015.

Under the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Constitution, Section 3 Annual Meeting and Special Meetings, item (b), Special Meeting of the Tribal Council may be called by five memers of the Legislature or by petition signed by one-hundred fifty Members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting. (c) The Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least fifteen days before such meeting.

The Speaker of the Legislature, Bruce Whiteman said a previous court ruling had come to the Legislature's attention that might be applicable, and in light of this uncertainty, have rescinded their Legislative Order for a Special Tribal Council meeting in order to have the Tribal Council Coordinator's position reopened for applicants and follow the procedures of advertising the position and publishing all candidates 30 days prior to the meeting for the election of a new Tribal Council Coordinator.

"Basically, the Feb. 7 meeting was a continuance of the Dec. 6 meeting, which the Legislature called, with the only item left on that agenda was to elect a new Tribal Council Coordinator. However, at the Feb. 7 meeting, that item on the agenda, electing a new Tribal Council Coordinator from the three candidates who applied and were published, did not happen," Whiteman said. "We are not trying to interfere or step into that branch of government, and at this juncture feel it is the best solution. The Feb. 7 meeting was officially adjourned without the proper agenda being followed."

At the time of printing, no information was available for the date applicants can, once again, submit their applications for Tribal Council Coordinator.

Go red for health

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

Hundreds of red-clad women gathered in Norman to learn about their number one killer, and no, it is not breast cancer.

The American Heart Association held its first annual Oklahoman Go Red for Native Women Heart Health Summit Friday, Feb. 20, 2015 in Norman, Okla.

Experts, medical screeners, and native vendors showed their support and concern for tribal women through talks, training seminars and health screenings, hoping to alert them to the risk of heart disease.

"We recognized that women were not very aware that heart disease was their number one killer and killing us more than men," Go Red for Women Director, Shelly Jordan said. "The movement started in 2003 and since then death rates due to heart disease and stroke have decreased 34 percent so there's been a really large impact."

According to the latest research from the American Heart Association, Cardiovascular disease is the leading global cause of death, accounting for 17.3 million deaths per year, a number that is expected to grow to more than 23.6 million by 2030. These statistics surprisingly affect women just as much as men. The American Heart Association states heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, taking more lives than all forms of cancer combined.

Yet, the heart association spreads more than doom and gloom, organizing events, offering tips on how to cope with the disease and provide the latest news and research to beat and treat heart disease.

Events began early with health screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol and breakfast, as well as an opening prayer, and then women were immediately shown practical means to lower risks of heart disease through Tai Chi exer-



Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

Jenifer Shieldchief (left) and Karla Iron (right) give each other friendly support while getting their cholesterol tested by Chris Tall Bear (left) and Lancer Stephens (right).

cises.

Representatives from Cheyenne and Arapaho's R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program showed attendees the difference between muscle and fat with an interactive table surrounded by vendors ranging from the Oklahoma City Tribal Health Board to the Red Cross and the University of Oklahoma.

Monnie Underwood of the Creek tribe woke up at 5 a.m. to reach the summit in time and said she enjoyed learning about the benefits of sea salt and how something unexpected like dental care can affect your heart.

"It was definitely worth it," Underwood said. "I liked the seminar and enjoyed the speaker, she was really fun."

Breakout groups kept the seminar interactive through heart bingo and

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Red Cross partners with C-A tribes, offering services to tribal members

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Red Cross Tribal Liaison, Caitlin Baker, explains to tribal members the many services provided by the Red Cross during emergencies and non-emergencies.

Red Cross Tribal Relations liaison, Caitlin Baker knows it is not a question of if a disaster will hit families in Oklahoma, but a question of when.

In a joint effort to prepare for such a disaster, the Red Cross and the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Emergency Management Program have teamed up to educate tribal families on preparedness, what to do in the event of a disaster and to assist tribal families in times of disasters.

"We are very excited about our partnership with the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes. This partnership takes many forms and can look different in every community. We want to take this chance to explain how we can benefit you as an individual and how we can help grow our tribal communities together," Baker wrote on a hand out she distributed during a recent community meeting held in Canton, Okla.

Part of the Red Cross disaster services include 'Mass Care' where when a disaster is on a large scale they offer a safe and clean place for families to shelter and meet their basic ne-

cessities such as food, shelter and clothing. They also offer their Multi-Agency Resource Centers (M.A.R.C.'s). These are a one-stop shop for impacted families of disasters to help get back on their feet much easier and less stressfully.

"If a disaster were to hit, tribal families could go to any Red Cross Shelter and hopefully all of the Cheyenne and Arapaho community centers will eventually become Red Cross shelters and partner shelters. Meaning, we supply food, cots, clothing, people could take showers and have their basic necessities provided for, whether it was a large scale disaster or a small one such as a house fire," Baker said. "They could call the local Red Cross or they could call the tribes' Emergency Management team members and they will in turn contact us and we'll get out to wherever we need to, to help them."

The Red Cross also offers non-disaster services that include home fire prevention canvassing, weather radio distributions, community enhancement and preparedness education.

"The tribes and the Red Cross are working as ongoing partners to do things like shelter programming, preparedness information, weather radio distributions, especially to elders and families that live in a rural area and don't have access to internet or cell phone services. I am over tribal relations for the Red Cross and it's really important for me to make sure my tribal communities are prepared for disasters because when one happens it makes our job more efficient if we already have those relationships in place," Baker said.

Baker said they are always looking for volunteers and encourages anyone who wishes to give back to their community or just help to contact her.

"The best way to pay back to your community is to volunteer. The American Red Cross is the largest volunteer organization, we are completely volunteer driven and led. If you want to respond to large disasters or just want to answer phones, we promise there is something for everyone to do and that they will enjoy," she said. "We even have youth volunteers who need hours to put on their transcripts and resumes."

Baker and the tribes' Emergency Management team are planning several tornado preparedness classes and will be distributing more weather radios in the near future.

For more information or to volunteer contact Baker at (405) 441-0589.

To contact the tribes Emergency Management team, call Basil Pollock at (405) 422-7547.



Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

Arapaho tribal member, Brian Fielder carries his new weather radio. Red Cross representative and the Cheyenne & Arapaho Emergency management staff handed out weather radios to families during a community meeting in Canton, Okla.

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From the Office of the Governor

A lot can happen in 420 days. When I took the oath on Jan. 4, 2014, I had plans to move forward with a positive, proactive and honest approach to tribal government for our People. During the past 420 days those plans have been put into motion.

We have worked with the Legislature regarding the development of several legislative items, including the Law and Order Code, Election Code, Tax Code, Ethics Code, Constitutional amendments, Housing bill, and many other legislative proposals.

We worked with the Election Commission regarding interpretation and application of the Election Ordinance and assisted with the development of the Election Commission budget and policies.

Also, during the previous Administration, a jury issued an award of \$158,000 against Lucky Star Casino in favor of a former casino employee. Our Administration was able to successfully challenge the award in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Supreme Court.

We are also pursuing the development of a leasing ordinance that can be approved by the Secretary of Interior under the HEARTH Act. This act permits the Tribes to issue certain leases (i.e., agricultural, business, educational, public, recreational, religious, residential, and wind and solar resource) without having to obtain the Secretary's approval. Not only would an approved leasing ordinance remove the BIA's involvement, it would also:

- create a leasing process tailored specifically to tribal needs;
- implement a process that moves at a tribally determined pace;
- allow a greater measure of self-governance and control of tribal land leasing; and

throughout the approval process.

On the oil and gas front, PayRock, an oil and gas company, proposed to lease 1,997.41 acres of Tribally owned mineral rights. We were able to negotiate a lease bonus amount of \$1,500 per

tribal member services.

Gaming seems to be a hot topic tribal members are interested in; therefore, you should know I have directed a review and survey of vendor contracts and gaming-related agreements made with the Tribes' gaming facilities during the past several years. This analysis will provide the Tribes with a more complete and accurate picture of the current state of the Tribes' gaming facility operations to help the gaming operation become more efficient and profitable.

You may have noticed the Event Tent has been removed from the Concho location. When it was determined that special events held in the tent did not result in an increase to Lucky Star revenues, we decided to end the Event Tent lease with Event Tent, LLC; therefore, stopping the monthly rental charges and saving the Tribes hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Our casino operations are expanding. We have restarted the construction of the Hammon Project. When completed, the Tribes will count another Travel Plaza and Casino among its business ventures and will benefit from the additional revenues the casino will add to the Tribes' treasury. The venture is also creating more jobs. We held job fairs in Clinton, Elk City and Hammon, which resulted in more than 150 applicants. We are projecting a late April/early



May soft opening for the new Lucky Star Casino-Hammon location.

The investigation into the arson of buildings/offices on our Tribal land is still underway by federal agencies. They currently are pursuing several strong leads, which we hope will lead to the arrest and prosecution of the individual(s) responsible for this heinous act.

A lot of progress has been made repairing and restoring several offices and replacing thousands of dollars of office equipment, computers and office furniture, within the buildings that were damaged by this act.

The Tribal Court is once again conducting business within the Tribal Courthouse and Building One, which took longer to restore due to the historical nature of the building, is now ready to have programs that were displaced, return and resume

their normal business.

The resiliency and dedication of all our Tribal employees affected by these attacks are to be commended for continuing to work and provide services without interruption, and I personally want to thank each one of them. This vicious act will not deter us, or our mission.

This year is a slate full of possibility. With hard work and determination this Administration is moving our Tribe back on a track to financial stability, streamlining government and operations, and providing more services and programs.

This is moving us in the right direction and I am determined to do more, not for me, but for every tribal member I represent.

I welcome the opportunity to consider your thoughts, concerns, ideas, and questions.

Ha Hou,
Governor Eddie Hamilton

Drug explosion follows oil boom on North Dakota Indian reservation

By Cindy Carcamo

Big-time dealing in meth and heroin is tearing families apart on a once-isolated N.D. Indian reservation.

Tribal Police Chief Chad Johnson first noticed a change on the wind-swept prairies of the reservation around six years ago.

Small-time methamphetamine dealers known to the police officers for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara tribes, known as the MHA Nation, were ceding territory to dealers from California, Colorado, Utah and even Latin America. Many were heavily armed and dealing in pounds of meth.

Local and federal officials estimate 90 percent of the drugs on the reservation now come from other states or countries. And it's not just meth. In 2012, Justice Department officials spotted heroin on the reservation for the first time.

"Instead of finding an 8-ball of meth, now you're finding pounds," said Tim Purdon, U.S. attorney for North Dakota. "When we serve search warrants now, we don't just find drugs; we find firearms. Everyone is heavily armed. There are more and more guns."

Driven by the new wealth of the Bakken oil fields, drug

dealing has spread across the reservation, tearing apart families and destroying the fabric of this once-isolated community.

Local tribal law enforcement officials have been overwhelmed. The reservation has about 20 officers and a handful of criminal investigators to police about 1,500 square miles, roughly three times the size of Los Angeles.

For drug dealers, the reservation is a unique haven, the meeting point of money, a vast and isolated terrain and a rat's nest of federal and local law that makes it difficult to arrest and prosecute outsiders.

"We're easy pickings," said MHA Nation Chief Judge Diane Johnson.

Johnson said that before the oil bonanza, about 30 percent of the cases that came to her court were drug-related. She said that number is now closer to 90 percent, and she struggles to keep up.

Drug-related arrests of tribal members on the reservation have grown from 47 in 2008 to over 800 last year, according to tribal public safety statistics.

MHA Nation Children and Family Services Department officials said they never

acre — the highest bonus amount recorded based on adjoining lands in public record information. The total amount benefitting the Tribes is \$2,996,115. To prevent further controversy, I asked for Legislative approval of the leasing contract. The leasing contract allows the Tribes to benefit from the current oil and gas activity and supplements the Tribal treasury to provide essential



Photo by Liz O. Baylen, Los Angeles Times
Mary Fox visits last May with great-grandsons Maleek, Dean and Matthew, from left. Maleek and Dean were born addicted to meth and taken in by Fox's daughter, their grandmother.

had to take custody of children born addicted to opiates until 2010, when child services officials saw their first drug-addicted baby born on the reservation. There have been at least 15 such cases since.

"It's a tidal wave," Judge Johnson said. "This is beyond the capability of our tribes."

The new criminal scene came into the open in 2012, when Michael J. Smith, a Colorado man armed with rifles and a pistol, barricaded himself in a house on the Three Affiliate Tribes reservation. After a two-day standoff, tribal police used a front-loader to demolish the

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Arapaho district one community meeting meets opposition

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Arapaho District One Legislator, Eugene Mosqueda hosted a district-sponsored community meeting on Feb. 19, 2015 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla. Guest speakers included Legislative Attorney, John Parris, former Tribal Council Coordinator, Pete Salinas, and Lucky Star Casino-Canton’s Assistant General Manager, Kara Faris.

With a recall petition currently circulating for the removal of Mosqueda, A-1 constituents who attended the meeting were comprised of both supporters and non-supporters of Mosqueda.

Mosqueda opened the meeting by stating, “I said I’d sponsor a bill to raise the minimum wage and I did get that. I didn’t get what I wanted but I fought long and hard for it. It took five months to raise it from \$7.25 to \$9/hr. That became law May 16, 2014. There are other bills and resolutions that were passed in 2014. We, in the office of A-1 this year began with four main directives. Education is one of the top priorities we have, language, culture, and heritage for our tribe is the most important for us. Culture comes along with our elders too ... we take care of them. That’s what we’re going to do this year to the best of our abilities. We

don’t have no help for our handicapped people between the ages of 18 and 55. Somehow we gotta get that straightened out. It’s hard to do when you’re up here by yourself and everyone else is rolling along, riding the waves. Listen A-1; we’re going to stand for what’s right. I’m just arrogant enough to say no when everybody else says yes, when it’s wrong. I’ve always said it. I can’t do this alone. With your help, we can do anything.”

However, do the reasons Tonya Moore, tribal member, listed in her recall petition on Mosqueda conflict with Mosqueda’s opening statements?

Her recall petition states, in part, “*Mr. Edward Eugene Mosqueda has not provided any legislation or plans that would provide for his A-1 constituents nor provided any input from his A-1 constituents to improve the tribal issues in the A-1 District. His inability and failure to communicate with his A-1 constituents regarding tribal administrative information and legislative actions have isolated the A-1 District on important issues that impact our tribe and have resulted in the loss of confidence of his A-1 constituents, especially those in the Watonga area. He continues to fail representing the A-1*

District as the A-1 Legislator with excessive absences from meetings such as Public Hearings, Regular and Special Sessions, to which he was elected to do so, by missing (as of Jan. 23, 2015) 28 out of 43 regularly scheduled meetings at Concho and throughout the Cheyenne & Arapaho communities.”

Kara Faris, speaking as an A-1 constituent, asked to address Mosqueda prior to the calling of the first guest speaker saying, “Before things get a little crazy, I’d like to say as our legislator for A-1, I would think that we’d like to represent our people in a positive way. Especially in a public light. I’m sure a lot of people have heard things that you’ve said and things that you’ve spoken to some people in public and I’d ask that you represent our people well. I try to do that. And I’m not making an attack on you, just as a representative; please represent our people in a professional fashion. You don’t have to cuss at people to get your point across. We get frustrated sometimes, we get angry, but there are better ways to go about things.”

Mosqueda agreed with Faris and responded by stating, “You’re absolutely right. Last year, I did cuss. Last year, I am rough. Sometimes we have diamonds in the rough.

You guys know me. We’re trying to have a positive meeting here. Interruptions will not happen. If they keep happening we’ll just have to have another meeting somewhere. We will not have this meeting get out of control. We’re here for information, that’s what we’re going to do, that’s what the people want to hear. You’re going to ask questions fine, I’m still trying to answer Kara’s. Yeah last year I was like that. I didn’t have much help like the staff I have. We’re learning, we’re evolving. This year, no, I don’t cuss. This year these two gentlemen hold me up, to guide me. I’d like to say things yes, because that’s just how I am. They make me take care and remember that I work for you. You guys want things done ... contact us. Contact us.”

The meeting atmosphere continued to become charged with emotion, with little or no information being offered by Mosqueda in response to questions being yelled out from the audience.

“If you want answers to your questions, have your own meeting to discuss your concerns or better yet, we invite you to come to our offices and ask these questions, which we will try to answer.”

Legislative News

January Regular Session

The Regular Session for January was held on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. The bills passed were:

Approve Contract for Construction of Justice Center, signed by Gov. Hamilton Jan. 21, 2015.

Veto Override: A Resolution to Remove the Executive Director of Administration by a vote of 7 yes, 1 absent.

January 16 Special Session

The Bills passed were:

Approve Contract for Construction of the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym, signed by Gov. Hamilton on Jan. 21, 2015.

Attendance

The Legislature holds several Public Hearings throughout the month, both at Con-

cho and at various communities, in order to get feedback from Tribal members regarding Legislative actions. This feedback is extremely important and we want to thank those who attend and those who take this information to their family and friends to discuss. The following Public Hearings were held throughout January 2015, along with the attendance of each Legislator.

Please contact your Legislator or the Legislative Clerk for additional information. The Legislative Clerk, Ramona Tall Bear can be reached at (405) 422-7778 or by email at rtallbear@c-a-tribes.org.

The Legislative Clerk assistant is Andrea Main, she can be reached at (405) 422-7777 or by email at amain@c-a-tribes.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Constitution of the Tribes permits the Legislature to convene in Concho for Regular Sessions. Specifically, Article VI, Section 6(a) of the Constitution states:

"The Legislature shall convene in Concho for twelve Regular Sessions of up to two consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 am..."

In addition, the Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes. Regarding Bills to be heard at the Regular October 2013 Legislation Session, the Constitution states in Article VI, Section 7(a){ii):

"All Bills shall be published in a Legislative Calendar for at least thirty days prior to action on the Bill."

The Legislative Procedures adopted October 2012 state that the Legislative Calendar shall be published for at least 30 days before the Legislature votes on the Bills or Resolutions. At this time, February 13, 2015, these Bills or Resolutions are published for public and Legislative review. Consideration of these bills will be at the March 14, 2015 Regular Session.

- A Resolution to Contract the Canton Head Start Safe School Route New Access Road Project Pursuant to Public Law 93-638
- A Resolution to submit a grant application to the Administration for Native Americans, Social and Economic Development Strategies-SEDS, CFDA #93.612
- Amend the Health Board Ordinance
- A Resolution to Support Oklahoma House Bill 1831-Okla Health Care Authority
- A Resolution to Support Oklahoma House Bill 1034-Charter Schools
- A Resolution to Support Oklahoma Senate Bill 3-Cultural Center

Hearing	Desc	C1	C2	C3	C4	A1	A2	A3	A4
Jan 6	Hearing/Concho	*	*				*	*	
Jan 8	Hearing/ Concho	*					*	*	
Jan 10	Regular Session/Concho	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
Jan 15	Hearing/Concho			*		*	*	*	
Jan 16	Special Session/Concho	*	*	*	*		*	*	
Jan 20	Hearing/Clinton	*		*				*	
Jan 22	Hearing/Concho	*		*		*	*	*	
Jan 27	Hearing/Concho	*		*				*	

Districts.

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C4 Kyle Orange

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after many of its members were deported to Central America.

One of the experts, Francisco Foppa, said he noticed MS-13 tattoos on people in a Wal-Mart in Minot and the 4 Bears Casino and Lodge at the MHA Nation’s capital in New Town. “It was alarming to see people with those tattoos on the reservation,” he said.

Authorities have not arrested any MS-13 kingpins, but the gang’s presence is palpable and many speak about it in whispers.

“MS-13 is strong enough and scary enough that I question whether I should speak out at all,” said a former tribal leader who requested anonymity out of fear of reprisal. “They’re vicious. Just like any ripe feeding ground, they have competition, but obviously they are the big bad wolf. They are the ones that are the most terrifying.”

With the wealth generated by the Bakken oil fields, crime has increased so much in the region that voters just across the state line in

Roosevelt County, Mont., recently passed a bond to increase jail space. The FBI plans to open an office in the region.

The reservation has about 4,000 tribal members, and more than double that number in nonmembers who live and work in the area.

During the day, big rigs and other oil vehicles barrel down state Highway 23, a two-lane road that was never meant to handle so much traffic. The road slices through the heart of New Town, a collection of old and frayed one-story buildings that makes up the biggest town on the reservation.

The Missouri River, which cuts the reservation in half, can be seen to the west. To the east, oil rigs pockmark the landscape to the horizon.

When night sets, flames from the oil burning off lick the night sky.

Mary Eleanor Fox, a 66-year-old silver-haired matriarch of a large family, said she never

thought she’d see the day most of her grandchildren would be addicted to the sort of drugs she’d once only heard about “in the big cities.”

“Now everyone is on meth and heroin,” Fox said. “It just makes me sick to my stomach.”

Her daughter, Jackie Powell, a robust 47-year-old with a quick smile, was forced to quit her job and become a full-time mom to her two grandsons — ages 1 and 2 — who were born addicted to methamphetamine.

Their father, Powell’s son Mason Fox, struggles with his meth addiction. Their mothers grapple with the same. Amelia Reed, mother to the youngest, first tried meth nearly five years ago and says she’s addicted to “the devil’s drug.”

“Now my first son was born with it,” Reed said. “I was pregnant and selfish and wouldn’t stop doing it.”

Reed receives oil royalty mon-

ey from land she inherited on the reservation, and says the monthly checks made it easy for her to drop at least \$400 a month for her habit.

Many tribal members receive royalty money — from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dollars a month. Reed says she once cashed out \$147,000 and blew most of it on meth.

“This used to be home,” she said. “Because of the drugs and the oil boom, it’s not the same as when I was growing up.... Everyone is scared here.”

For Police Chief Johnson, it’s a tragically familiar story of drugs.

“I don’t think there is a family on this reservation that hasn’t been affected in one way or another,” he said.

Purdon, the U.S. attorney, says that authorities are making headway in dismantling some of the drug rings, and that Operation Winter’s End has led to the indictment of more than 60 people for dealing meth or heroin.

But the arrests only scratch the surface of a web of drug dealing and use that has become woven into some families on the reservation.

Two of Mary Fox’s grandchildren — Akaka Katrina Aulaumea, 25, and Kealoha Asaga Aulaumea, 22 — were picked up in Operation Winter’s End, accused of possessing and conspiring to distribute meth.

Another granddaughter, Amanda Yazzie, became addicted to heroin about three years ago.

Unable to afford full-fledged treatment, Yazzie tried to wean herself from drugs last spring while staying at her mother’s house. She cried, scratched her hands, stroked her auburn hair. Her legs shook uncontrollably.

Yazzie, a pretty 21-year-old, doesn’t get oil royalties. But friends who do fed her habit.

“I get high for free,” she said. “So I keep going and going.”

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes’ Driver’s Education Program

Sponsored by Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Johnson O’Malley (JOM) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) The Driver’s Education Program is designed to educate, provide awareness, and promote employability in Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Youth.

TTP Safety Course Activities: Concho on March 17, 2015; Seiling on March 18, 2015; and Clinton on March 19, 2015; Please contact TTP Safety Program: (405) 422-7432. Defensive Driving/Alive @ 25, Sign Pledge(s), Simulated Driving Course, Mock Field Sobriety Test

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tional Enhancement Incentive for successful completion \$100.00 per student.

Contact: (405) 422-7494

Applications for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Drivers Education Program are available at the Tribal Transportation Program, Johnson O’Malley Program, and Employment and Training Administration. In addition, applications are available online on each programs’ page at www.c-a-tribes.org.

Complete Section #1 of Application.

Attend all course activities offered by TTP, Section #2 Complete

Enroll at approved driver’s education by JOM, Section #3 Complete

Verify Drivers Ed completion with ETA for incentive, Section #4 Complete

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Economic Development Program Offers Free Tire Disposal

The Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality has given the authorization to dispose of old tires FREE for one year. Beginning March 1, 2015 bring your old tires to Economic Development. Check in with Trish Lime or Virginia Richey, and start saving money you would have spent on disposing of your old tires.



For More Information Contact: Trish Lime (405) 422-7437 or Virginia Richey (405) 422-7912

INDIGENOUS WOMEN, LAW AND POWER


Symposium

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015

Dick Bell Courtroom, OU College of Law, 300 Timberdell Road, Norman OK 73019
Registration is free of charge. For more information and to register, go to:
www.law.ou.edu/content/symposium-4

FEATURING:

Henrietta Mann, President, Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribal College
Andrea Smith, Associate Professor, University of California at Riverside
Dawn Stover, Director, Native Alliance Against Violence (Invited)
Kelly Stoner, District Court Judge, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Barbara Smith, Supreme Court Justice, Chickasaw Nation
Sherry Todd, Associate Judge, Chickasaw Nation

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Elders Trip
Denver March Powwow
2015

Sign-Ups:

- Begin Wednesday, March 4th 2015, 9:00 am until filled
- First Come, First Served
- Individuals Will Need to Sign Up Themselves – No Exceptions

In-State Elders:
100 Spots - Waiting List of 15

Depart:
Thursday, March 19, 2015

Return:
Sunday, March 22, 2015

- All Elders must be 55 years of age as of March 1, 2015
- All Elders must be Medically Self-Sufficient
- No Spouses who are non-tribal or anyone not 55 or older

Out-of-State Elders:
20 - No Waiting List

Elders Trip Provides Only:

- Food
- Shelter
- Transportation (Elders who Travel on Buses Only)
- Admission to the Powwow

To Sign Up:

Leslie Heredia
(405) 422-7734 or
1-800-247-4612 Ext 27734

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

National RES (Reservation Economic Summit)
March 9-12, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

2nd Annual Native American Leaders Forum
March 16-17, 2015 at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Security Force and Tribal Law Enforcement Liability
March 18-19, 2015 in Las

Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 14th annual Native Women’s and Men’s Wellness Conference
March 22-25, 2015 in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.aai.ou.edu.

Managing Financial Aspects of Construction Projects for Tribal Organizations
March 26-27, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more infor-

mation or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 42nd annual Head Start Conference and Expo
March 29-April 2, 2015 in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register visit www.nhsa.org.

Robert’s Rules of Order: Indian Parliamentary Law
April 7-8, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.csninc.net.

Midwest Native American Leadership Forum
April 9-10, 2015 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

33rd Annual Protecting Our Children National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
April 19-22, 2015 in Portland, Ore. For more information or to register visit www.nicwa.org.

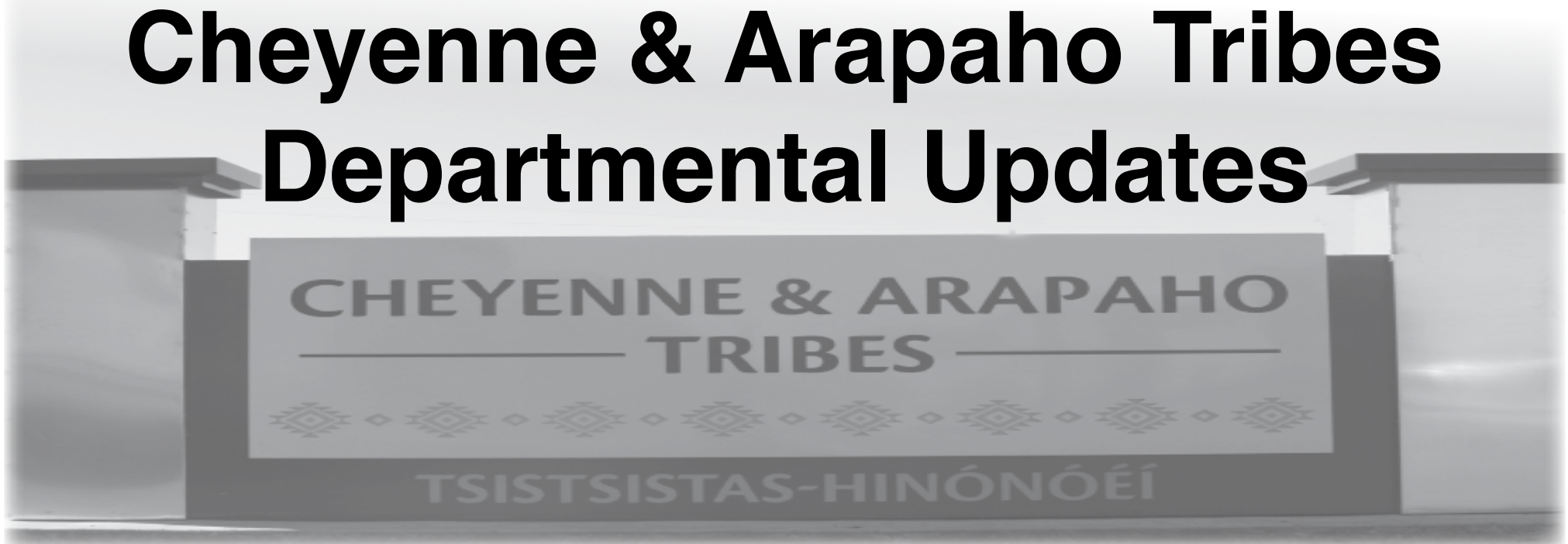
The 20th annual Mid Year Tribal Enrollment Conference
April 22-23, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.csninc.net.

Understandsing the Indian Self-Determination Act
April 23-24, 2015 in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Sixth annual Native American Healthcare Con-

ference
May 18-19, 2015 at the Harrah’s Resort in Valley Center, Calif. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The Ninth annual Native American Economic Development, Diversification & Energy Projects Conference
June 15-16, 2015 at the Disney’s Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.



Department of Administration

CommIT—Communications/IT

New firewall deployment scheduled for this weekend and a new anti-virus rollout.

These two services will help us to better protect our network and data from viruses, malware and hacking. The new firewall will have intrusion protection services with inbound and outbound real-time scanning. The new antivirus gives us a cloud based solution that will protect local and remote desktops with automated scanning and auto update of virus definitions, also included is email notification if a threat is detected on or off the tribal network.

Community Development

The Community Development Program was located in Building 1, and affected by the fire that was intentionally set earlier this week. The staff has been on administrative leave as a result of the fire because of the unsafe conditions in their building. Despite being on leave, some activities that have taken place this week include:

The program made a request for a legislative resolution granting Oklahoma Natural Gas an easement that spans the tribal offices to the Lucky Star Casino.

A meeting was held Friday morning with IHS representative, Monica Murray, to discuss planning of the Concho Water Treatment Plant. A draft summary report and draft scope of work will be made available at the next meeting scheduled for February 20

Culture & Heritage

The program has started sponsoring the Victory Dance Class along with JR Lonelodge and this week it was held at Canton Gym Monday, Tuesday, but class was cancelled on Wednesday. Along with the classes, the program has introduced a sewing class and some participants made ribbon shirts and traditional “T” dresses.

Sponsorship of these types of events will continue. The next event we are planning is a shawl and drum stick making class. All materials will be supplied by the Culture & Heritage program. Of course, the number of participants will have to be limited because of the material cost. The classes will be made available to all communities throughout the year.

Two new caretakers have been hired for the Concho and NAC facility. The kitchen in the Concho Community Hall has been given a facelift with new paint. The plan is to paint the Entire hall with a new coat of paint that will directly reflect the Cheyenne and Arapaho people and maybe the colors of a medicine wheel.

Economic Development

The Farm and Ranch program provides care for the Tribes’ agricultural lands

and livestock. Approximately 9,400 acres of the tribes 10,00+ acres are for agriculture use. 3,000 acres are leased out as crop land and 4,100 acres of pasture land are currently managed by Farm and Ranch. 2,300 acres of agriculture land in Colony will be managed by Farm and Ranch in 2015. Economic Development is working with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Services to analyze the soil and forage quality of all lands. In recent weeks the program has completed samples at tribal lands in Concho and Hammon. In the coming weeks the analysis of lands at Canton will be complete. These studies will assist in developing the use plans for crop and pasture lands. These will also be valuable in setting operational plans for buffalo and cattle management.

This week consisted of clean up and repair from Tuesday’s vandalism. Though the majority of the staff could not come to work, EDEV has been coordinating projects with other programs this week and will be able to show more progress next week.

On a brighter note, EDEV has welcomed 5 new calves into the cattle herd.

Elder Care

Elder Care continues to have the best interest of our clients at heart; working to ensure we provide quality service in a timely manner. February cards/vouchers were distributed on the 3rd and 4th at Concho and Clinton. Outreach to the Seiling community was done on the 5th. Work also continues on the winter assistance applications.

Elderly Nutrition

The program continues to feed tribal elders a noon meal during the week. This week, we fed 169 elders at the facility and 109 home-bound elders.

EPA--Environmental Protection Agency

CATEP Water Program/Coordinator, whose position was filled in January, will maintain a tribal water environmental presence for the Tribe by administering a water program office.

The water program will provide and educate the tribal leadership, tribal and local community with information regarding water quality. The program will also continue to adhere to principals of quality assurance and quality control.

While adhering to the EPA regulations the water program will also conduct research and assistance to the tribe in maintaining water rights for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. This program is separate from the water treatment program and will be mainly focused on ground water quality within tribal lands.

ETA--Employment Training Administration

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Employment & Training Administration (ETA) Program has taken great strides to improve services and reduce overhead costs. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Job Placement & Training (JP&T) operated by the ETA Program’s 2015 Budget allocated 53% to Program Services, 33% to Operations Costs, and 14% Indirect Cost. The approved budget expands program services to eligible Native Americans with employment and training services.

On Aug. 16, 2014, the Employment Opportunities and Training Service (EOTS) Program and the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) merged into the ETA Program. The ETA Program reduces overhead costs, eliminates duplication of services and streamlines services ensuring positive employment and training success.

The ETA Program provides employment and training services to eligible Native Americans who reside within the approved eight (8) county service areas: Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Kingfisher, Roger Mills, and Washita.

The ETA Program administers the following funding grants and contract all relating to employment and training services: U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Innovations Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 166, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) P.L. 93:638 Job Placement & Training (JP&T), Health and Human Services (HHS) Native Employment Works (NEW), and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO). The services are employment opportunities, career development, training services, employment retention services, and follow up services.

The ETA Program has participated in community outreach events to inform the public of services. The following events were attended by the ETA Program: Redlands Community College Student Symposium, Canton Community Outreach-HOPE Program, Inter-tribal Veteran’s Stand-down, Concho Job Fair-Social Services, Geary A2/C2 Community Meeting, Kingfisher A2/C2 Community Meeting, and Concho A2/C2 Community Meeting.

The ETA Program has met with local training institutes such as technology centers, construction college, and career centers to engage potential clients. The following careers are currently being explored by clients: Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), Welding, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Cosmetology, and Practical Nursing. The program has

provided tuition assistance, classroom training stipends, and incentives for milestone achievements.

Local employers have been consulted and engaged in direct placement of eligible Native American. The casino industry and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have proven to be the most successful for direct job placement; however, other business and industries will be explored in the near future.

HOPE—Helping Our People Excel

The HOPE Program was taken off probation with OG&E and ONG. Verbal pledges can now be made for clients. The Tribe has been on probation with these vendors for over 10 years and this action provides validity of the cooperation between not only these vendors and the staff, but also the staff and the programs involved in getting a payment through. This will be beneficial in the overall efficiency of the program in the way clients are served and assisted. Staff is excited to hear they are next on the list for a facelift, as Operations and Maintenance makes its way through the campus. New flooring and paint will enhance the visual appeal of the office surroundings, giving both clients and staff a renewed sense of pride. HOPE continued the Panera Bread donation this week, as it does every Tuesday. This bread assists applicants, tribal members and employees with free bread items. The Hope staff is working closely with the travel department in closing out all 2014 hotel/bus invoices.

O&M—Operations and Maintenance

Operations and Maintenance collected \$1,612.37 in water revenue for the month of January. Normal upkeep of the majority of tribal-owned buildings continued to be provided amidst the disorder of the fire on campus, which included the program shop/barn that was a total loss. The remodeling of the HOPE Program offices is next as the program moves through the buildings giving the offices a facelift. This is a concerted effort to give the facilities a more cohesive and professional appearance, as opposed to having pink and purple office spaces!

Listed are goals the program would like to accomplish in the near future:

- Employee training: Supervisory, Custodial Maintenance, Certified Locksmith
- Purchase grounds maintenance equipment to replace that lost in the fire
- Rebuild shop/barn that was lost in the fire
- Purchase program vehicle and eliminate mileage reimbursements
- Purchase equipment to maintain lagoons and water plant

Landscape and paint exterior of Tribal Administration building

Remodel public areas of the Tribal Administration building

- Personnel
- One new hire/orientation
- 18 Payroll Actions submitted
- 6 Vacancy announcements posted

Revisions of the existing Personnel Policies are now on the table, as a meeting with the Department of Administration has been scheduled. A meeting has also been scheduled with Property and the Department of Finance to discuss more efficient ways of communication between the departments for inventory and insurance. Active research continues regarding the current benefits offered to employee and the optimal methods to educate employees about those benefits. In-house, the program staff is working to create a system of accountability for payroll submissions—helping to eliminate errors, lost paperwork, etc. that can occur.

Security

As usual, the Security Department was present to greet tribal employees, as well as clients visiting for services. All activity is closely monitored and Security is ready to react if necessary. Because of the vandalism/fires that occurred earlier in the week, the program has made changes to schedules and is now doubling up on manpower in the evenings and overnight shifts, including weekends. Every shift will now have 2 security guards on duty. The program has been approved to open advertisement to hire more security guards, to ensure tribal property always has two guards on duty every day of the week.

Security is on site in Colony covering 3 shifts—day, evening, and overnight. Weekends have now been covered for the last 2 weeks to watch the cattle that are on tribal land.

Because the budget was approved for the new year, Security is able to maintain all of the personnel—covering days, evenings and overnight shifts, as well as the weekends.

Tribal Newspaper--PIO

The tribal newspaper suffered the loss of their entire office, after a fire was intentionally set earlier this week. The editor is moving forward in replacing all the lost equipment, as well as continuing her regular schedule of story interviews, searching out stories, contacting elders for the Life Journeys series, and pursuing new advertising. There will be no change in the deadlines for submissions—there will be no delay in publications. The editor is taking on the additional duties of ad sales representative until the replacement for the former staff can start work on Feb. 17. In a generous act

of good will, the local newspaper in El Reno has offered office space to the editor for an undetermined amount of time, until a permanent location can be secured.

Planning & Development

The Planning and Development Office continues to assist in the following projects: Justice Center Pre-Construction Activities; Hazardous Mitigation Planning; and Water Treatment Plant Improvement Activities. The program continues to provide the following:

Providing information to any program that is in need of stats or historical material.

Oversee the Land Buy Back activities, as research for start-up funding for a formal office or structure continues. Funding is also sought for the Justice Center.

Working with the Department of Administration on the effectiveness of the Planning Procedures literature for educating program directors, elected officials, construction managers, economic developers, grant/contract writers on the use of them.

Procurement, Grants, and Contracts

2014 was a year of tremendous growth for the Tribes. PG&C processed a total of 3236 Purchase Orders totaling \$12,061,281. This means that at least 6 people reviewed and approved the expenditure. All purchases must meet specific criteria for the dollar amount and type of funds.

PG&C held two Procurement Trainings for tribal staff. PG&C also contracted with Bill Helmich Associates to provide on-site OMB Uniform Requirements Training for tribal staff including accountants and federal program managers. PG&C also invited one tribal council member, Lee Yelloweyes, to attend the training as an example of how the tribal government can be inclusive and potentially share regulatory information with the Tribal Council.

In 2014 PG&C became fully staffed for Procurement (Purchasing), Contracts (funding and services), and Grants (funding), as well as the Compliance required for federal funding.

Property & Supply

Property & Supply introduced 8 employees to the Inventory Procedures for Property Custodians.

Office of Records Management

Preparations are being made for the Records Training that will be coming up on February 18th.

THPO—Tribal Historic Preservation Office

THPO staff is working on the end of the year reports for NPS.

Tribal Court

On April 18, 2013 the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes Tax Commission committed

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to fund Phase I of the Justice Center.

On May 5, 2014, a meeting between the Tax Commission and the Trial Court resulted in exploring a more cost efficient standard building as opposed to the original design which was round.

On Jan. 10, 2015, the Legislatures pass “Authorization to sign Contract to Design the Justice Center”. The Bill and Contract was transmitted to the Governor’s Office, and signed by the Governor.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Grants and Contracts Program along with the Trial Court continue to apply for construction funds for Phases II and III of the Justice Center.

The Court has recently remodeled the west wing of the court building to allow for additional lobby and office space.

The Supreme Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes issued Order Adopting Rules for the Tribal Courts of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. These rules address: General Rules, Rules Relating to Civil Cases, and Rules Relating to Appeals, and Rules Pertaining to Court Officers and Employees.

The Trial Court submitted the 2015 Judicial Branch Budget to Legislatures for review. On Dec. 6, 2014, the Tribal Council passed the 2015 Tribal Budget. This is the first budget passed since

2008.

The Court was awarded one-time funding to purchase surveillance cameras and walk-through and wand metal detectors, and recording device.

The Court is a 2014 recipient of a Department of Justice grant which provides for the development of a Healing to Wellness Court enhances the Probation Office by providing software equipment and a full-time Court Bailiff.

The Judicial Branch operates the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) program. The Tribes were successful in registering six sex offenders during this period. The Tribes issued one Abscon-sion Letters addressed to the US Marshalls Office during this time.

SORNA Program in partnership with the US Marshalls Office, BIA, and County registries captured the two absconding offenders identified in the previous reporting period. One offender was sentenced to 21 months in Federal Court. The second is currently going through the court process. You can visit registered sex offenders at www.catribes.nsopw.gov.

Tribal Transportation

Canton Head Start Drain-ing Issue Project – earthwork and dirt work continues and has been interrupted due to weather conditions; collaboration with Economic Development has been great and

the Economic Development crew is prepared to go in and relocate the fence line for the Head Start playground area;

Canton Head Start Access Road – coordination and collaboration with Economic Development to clear and remove trees and brush along route initiated and will have a positive impact on the Head Start once completed; RCP Staff Meeting – prioritization of activities, including driveway improvements, equipment acquisition, equipment storage and acquisition of storage facility, special projects, and federal projects

Concho Lucky Star Casino Parking Lot Project – conducted meeting w/ new GM Mannix Barnes; reviewed Scope of Work, Plans, and project estimate; casino management will seek approval from Governor’s Office to start setting aside funds to contribute at least 20 percent toward the parking lot expansion project; the TTP will focus on including the facility within the inventory so that federal funds can be utilized to complete the other 80 percent; this will be a positive collaborative effort;

Transportation Program – in order to perform construction activities, the Roads Construction Program (RCP) acquired new equipment however lacks storage space; a request for quotes (RFQ) was issued by the PG&C

office and responses were received in January/2015; a meeting was held this week with the lowest bidder to discuss the Scope of Work and a Change Order; the bid increased by 60 percent therefore the RCP has contacted the Economic Development (EDEV) Program to initiate another collaborative effort where RCP will purchase the building and EDEV will construct the concrete foundation and erect the building – this venture is a positive collaborative effort and will provide a cost saving to the RCP.

Seiling Community Hall Parking Lot Project – called OKIE to locate gas line; line to be hand dug and located by Roads Personnel before dirt work begins; construction activities pending availability of equipment and weather

Calumet 3 Mile Road Project – previous resolution reflected incorrect amount that was based on the incorrect quantities of asphalt; the RCP re-evaluated the total tons of asphalt delivered for the road improvement project and found the error and in order to correct the error the resolution had to be rescinded and replaced to reflect the correct amount of funds to be obligated from federal funds to Canadian County for the work performed; the resolution passed and will authorize BIA to reimburse Canadian County on behalf

of the Tribe; this is a positive collaborative effort when improving the condition of roads that provide access to program services and facilities (Calumet 3 Mile Road begins at ¼ mile north of Calumet and extends 3 miles east ending at Fort Reno Road) for all motorist, and specifically Tribal members;

Safe Drivers Program – a MOU was thoroughly discussed and negotiated with the Department of Education’s JOM Program and the Department of Admin’s ETA Program; the coordinated effort with pool all three (3) programs resources to accomplish a similar goal which is to provide driver’s education courses to Tribal youth in hopes of improving driving habits (safety) and ensuring tribal members gain a driver’s license for employment and/or education; the MOU was recently signed by the three respective Program Directors/Co-ordinators, both the Executive Directors of Education and Administration and is pending the signature of the Governor; the programs have already started accepting names of tribal youth interested in the driver’s education assistance and will roll-out an application once the MOU becomes effective.

Efforts to provide courses has already started to be focused on during the week of spring break by the Transportation Safety Program

(TSP); the TTP and ETA will begin focusing on developing a similar MOU for older adults to provide the same prerequisites of safety courses and the driver’s education course.

A goal the Tribal Transportation Program is focusing on this year is to update its 20-year Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI), and its 5-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), complete the construction of the Watonga Casino Parking Lot Project and the construction of the Canton Head Start Access Road Project.

Yet, the other goal and focus of the TTP will be to develop a “construction force account crew”. The TTP has already secured resolutions to pursue a P.L. 93-638 Planning Contract for the FY2015 Tribal Transportation Improvement Planning (TTIP) Program and a P.L. 93-638 Construction Contract for the Watonga project.

The TTP is currently working on the P.L. 93-638 Proposal for the planning contract and will begin focusing on the construction contract. The TTP will begin developing a resolution to be submitted to support a P.L. 93-638 Construction Contract for the Canton Head Start project through Tribal legislative branch once construction for the Watonga project has started.

Department of Education

Department of Education (DOE) Tribal Programs: The Department of Education consists of the following Tribal programs;

Respect Program 100% Gaming

Cheyenne and Arapaho Television 100% Gaming
School Clothing Program 100% Gaming

SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM
P.O. Box 170
Toll Free 1-800-247-4612
Ext. 27445

Fax (405) 422-8275
www.c-a-tribes.org/school-clothing-program

schoolcloth-ing@c-a-tribes.org

PROGRAM STAFF:
Coordinator (Currently Vacant)

OVERVIEW:

The School Clothing Program (SCP) provides supplemental funds in a one, time disbursement to all approved Cheyenne and Arapaho tribally enrolled members who are between the ages of 3 (by Sept. 1) and 17 (by 8/15/2014), Per Capita Adult verification date) and who are enrolled in Head Start through High School for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

There were 2,149 tribal students who received assistance in 38 states throughout the U.S. and one student residing outside the country. School Clothing applications were mailed to all eligible tribal members. Applications were also available at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education or online at www.c-a-tribes.org/school-clothing-program

AWARD AMOUNTS:

Ages 3-17 received \$150.00.

SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM DEADLINES & UPDATES:

School Clothing Program accepted applications from July 18, 2014 through October 17, 2014.

Applicants must be enrolled in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes at the time of the application.

All applications must be received in the SCP office or posted marked by Friday, October 17, 2014.

All checks will be mailed to the address on the applications. No SCP checks will be available for pick up at the SCP office; absolutely no exceptions will be made.

Applications can be mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 170, Concho, OK 73022 or faxed to (405)422-8275 or you may submit the application personally to the Department of Education Building located in Concho, OK

School Clothing 2014-2015 Report Out

There were a total of 2,149 tribal students that received a school clothing voucher this year.

We were able to assist students throughout 38 states in the U.S. and one student in the U.K.

Our highest numbers were in Oklahoma with a total of 1,787 tribal students served, with our highest number of applicants in the following communities:

El Reno with 315 tribal students served

Oklahoma City with 204 tribal students served

Clinton with 139 tribal students served

Geary with 100 tribal students served

Watonga with 73 tribal students served

Weatherford with 62 tribal students served

Hammon with 56 tribal students served

Kingfisher with 56 tribal students served

Canton with 53 tribal students served

Concho (mailing addresses) with 46 tribal students served

Seiling with 39 with tribal students served

Woodward with 38 tribal students served

Elk City with 31 tribal students served

Tulsa with 31 tribal students served

Yukon with 31 tribal stu-

dents served

Longdale with 30 tribal students served

Norman with 27 tribal students served

Texas with a total of 53 tribal students served

New Mexico with a total of 44 tribal students served

Montana with a total of 38 tribal students served

Colorado with a total of 32 tribal students served

Kansas with a total of 28 tribal students served

California with a total of 27 tribal students served

Arizona with a total of 23 tribal students served

We served 16 students in Government Custody

8 total children in Indian Child Welfare Custody

8 total children in Department of Human Services Custody

We were unable to serve 20 students due to incorrect guardianship information on the application.

Notice was given to each applicant at least 3 weeks or longer prior to the deadline to correct the application.

Notice was in the form of a phone call plus an application was sent in the mail to give them ample time to correct the mishap.

This year overall was very successful, with a few minor administrative mishaps here.

Tribes to School Program 100% Gaming

Tribes to School (TRS) perform work in accordance with established program objectives, policies, and procedures.

TRS of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes is responsible for establishing a working relationship with Local Education Agencies (LEAs) within the tribal service area; to enhance Title VII services, facilitate community involvement by empowering native parents, facilitate professional development activities to LEAs to enhance understanding of culturally—appropriate environment and services to communities.

TRS will maintain ongoing

communication and consult with Executive Director and Assistant Executive Directors of Education Department prior to implementation of activity and/or taking action to unusual problems experienced with LEA’s.

TRS has (2) Resource Specialist: Deidra Tampkins, secondary grade levels and James Bates Jr, elementary grade levels. The Resource Specialists for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education (CADOE) have been assigned to assist any Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal member who attends public schools in the Cheyenne and Arapaho service area.

Department of Education Federal Programs:

Johnson O’Malley Program JOM (BIA) 100% Federal

Head Start Program (Health and Human Services) 80% Federal

Childcare Program (Health and Human Services) 80% Federal

STEP Program (Health and Human Services) 100% Federal

Department of Justice TYP Program (DOJ) 100% Federal

Adult Education (BIA) 100% Federal

Higher Education (BIA) 100% Federal

Language Program (ANA) 100% Federal

Vocational Rehabilitation Program 90% Federal

DOE Library Services 100% Federal

Johnson O’Malley
JOM Program Achievements: No highlights or achievements reported.

Head Start

On Dec. 19, 2014, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program was officially notified by the Office of Head Start that the Environment Health and Safety (EnvHS) component area was in full program compliance.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program has been nationally

selected to participate in the UCLA Health-Trainer of Trainers Event in Washington, D.C. on February 19, 20, 2015. Colette Berg, Head Start Director, Pamela Sutton, Health/Mental Health/Disabilities/Nutrition Manager, and Benita Bear, Family/Community Partnership and Transportation Manager will be attending the training event.

In January, 2015, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes-Canton Head Start Program selected Tiny Tot Road as the name of the new road in front of the new Head Start Building. A Road Naming Ceremony is being planned in the coming weeks.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program’s Education Manager, Ramona Hayes, was nationally selected to be one of 36 Education Managers across the country to attend a one-week Leadership Institute being held in Seattle, Washington, on March 2-6, 2015.

In November, 2014, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program submitted an Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership Five Year Grant for children Zero to Three. The grant awards will be announced toward the end of March, 2015.

In December, 2014, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program submitted and received a one-time funding \$62,943 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Head Start Bureau for a new Head Start Bus. The new bus has been delivered and will be assigned to the Clinton Head Start Center.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program, which currently serves 133 children at three (3) Head Start Centers located in Concho, Canton, and Clinton Oklahoma, submitted its 2015 renewal grant and has been approved for funding.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Canton Head Start Program, has hired George Levi, a prominent, Cheyenne/Arapaho Artist, to paint several wall murals throughout the Canton Head Start Center.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program has implemented a literacy emphasis at all Head Start Centers. The emphasis included providing literacy within the homes via the Weekly Readers Program and the distribution of children’s books at parent meetings and community events. Within the Head Start classrooms, interactive books were added along with the addition of new books to boost literacy.

The Head Start Staff attended the Language Forum, on January 20, 2015 in Weatherford, OK, to support the usage of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Language within all Head Start Classrooms.

Long Term Goals:

To develop a professional development plan to improve opportunities for staff to further their education and knowledge in Head Start/Early Childhood Education. (In-Progress)

To develop a plan for Head Start Teachers to obtain their Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education. (In-Progress)

To develop a plan for Head Start Teachers to obtain their Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Education. (In-Progress)

To establish a “Facilities Committee” to explore the need for Head Start facilities and develop a list of funding opportunities for a new Head Start building by March, 2015. (In-Progress)

To research and develop a list of funding opportunities for replacement of an older Head Start buses by March, 2015. (In-Progress)

Short Term Goals:

To conduct a Head Start Performance Standard as-

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essment at all three (3) Head Start Centers in the Environmental Health and Safety component in preparation of the on-site Head Start review scheduled for November 19-20, 2015. (Complete/Full-Compliance Letter – December 19, 2014)

To develop and conduct a Head Start employee Wage Comparability Study by January, 2015. (In-Progress)

To develop a competitive Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Employee Wage Scale by June, 2015. (In Progress)

To receive funding to implement a Cheyenne and Arapaho Early Head Start/ Childcare Partnership Program at two (2) Head Start Centers to serve 24 infant/toddler children. (In Progress-until March/April-2015)

Child Care Development Program

Child Care highlighted weekly achievements are found within our daily services provided at the Child Care Centers, Concho, and Clinton. The children learn something new every day.

In-Progress Goals for Child Care: Literacy: Each classroom has thirty minutes of reading time throughout the day.

We also work on singing to the children and finger plays during circle time. Preschoolers are working on tracing letters, lacing letters, alphabet, colors, name recognition, and numbers. Toddlers are working on the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and colors. We encourage daily conversations with the children.

School Readiness: Social and emotional skills, language and literacy, and motor development. Our teachers will work on each of these skills on a daily basis to help our children learn and be ready for head start or preK.

Social-Emotional Skills: We will encourage the children to resolve conflict on their own, teach the children how to understand their feelings, help the children express their feelings in age-appropriate ways, and encourage early friendships.

Routine and Consistency: Each classroom has a daily schedule and lesson plan that they follow. Routines and consistency help the children learn self-control, reduce power struggles, help guide positive behavior and safety, helps children cope with transitions, and supports children’s social skills.

Teacher Training: Our teachers are required 20 hours of training per year. ELCCT and CPR/First Aide are requirements once they are hired. We have a 10 hour training coming up it’ll be over daily programs for infant and toddlers. We also have our CPR renewal training.

Teacher/Parent Communication: Teachers communicate with parents on a daily basis. Infant and toddler

class fill out daily reports on each child daily. They also let them know if their child is hurt or if their child hurt another child. We document everything that happens to a child. We also have dinners and parties for the holidays and we invite all of our parents to attend. We would like to strengthen our relationship with our families.

Teacher wage compensation: Child Care has an ongoing issue with staff retention. We would like to work at increasing the current pay scale for our teaching staff to be comparable. Quality teaching staff is key for quality child care.

Challenging Behavior: Teachers deal with challenging behaviors in the classroom. This can lead to stress and burnout for the teachers and has resulted in some situations of suspension or expulsion for children in care.

The program will work on attaining additional training, curriculum, mental health and behaviors specialist consultation to assist our daily program. The goal is to reduce stress and reduce or eliminate child suspension and/or expulsion of services.

STEP Program

MOU’s with Canton and El Reno Public Schools

Added Calumet Public Schools in 2014-2015 School year

3 Education Specialists working within Calumet, Canton, Darlington and El Reno Public Schools 4 days a week.

Parent orientation meetings with Canton and El Reno Public Schools at beginning of 2014 School Year.

Presentations at the Oklahoma State Department of Education 2012 through 2015

Presentations at the 2014 National Johnson O’Malley Conference

Assisted in Native American month at all four public schools, by provided speakers, and/or incentives.

Provided Professional Development for teachers at Webster Elementary in El Reno School District and Canton Public Schools.

Completed and In-Progress Projects and Goals:

Developing MOU’s with Public Schools

Completed Canton and El Reno 2014.

In-Progress Calumet and Darlington.

Parent Meetings

Parent Orientation Meetings Completed – Canton and El Reno 2014.

In-Progress Calumet and Darlington for 2015-2016 School Year.

In-Progress Parent Testing Meetings for all four schools will be completed end of February 2015.

Professional Development for Teachers

Completed Professional Development for Canton and El Reno Public Schools 2014.

In-Progress developing

dates to provide PD for Calumet and Darlington 2015.

Professional Development Curriculum

In Progress – Anticipated date of completion August 2015.

Peer to Peer Tutoring Program

In-Progress – Students are all four schools will begin working with their peers beginning February 2015 and will complete their program at the end of May 2015.

TYP/DOJ Program Department of Justice

The mission of the Tribal Youth program is to empower youth to embrace their education by strengthening their cultural and familial values.

Through an afterschool program setting and using the FFC (Futures for Children) leadership curriculum we would be able to reduce delinquent behaviors and enhance leadership skills. In addition, prevention education, cultural experiences, and positive social experiences through field trips, will enhance personal knowledge thereby reducing juvenile delinquency.

We provide program services in Canton, Clinton, Hammon, El Reno, and Geary Public Schools and communities. All have active TYP programs and we receive education activities from programs such as Health Ed, Diabetes Wellness, and Language program.

Finances

2014 TYP staff

%DOJ %GAM

James Sleeper, TYP Counselor (El Reno)

100

Donald Runnels, AED Counselor (Concho)

60 10

Melissa Hamilton, AED Counselor (Clinton)

60 10

John WhiteEagle Jr., TYP Counselor (Canton)

30 30

Sheena Gaines , TYP Counselor (Canton)

70 30

Carrie Orange, Outreach Counselor (Hammon)

50 50

2015 TYP Staff

%DOJ %GAM

Jeniece Felton, TYP Coordinator

100% 0

Sheena Gaines, TYP Counselor (Canton)

50% 50%

Katlin Bioucourt, TYP Counselor (El Reno)

50% 50%

TYP overall 68 – 63 tribal member’s 5-C&A descendants

Program Success, Challenges and Problems the DOJ-TYP grant is in its final year of grant funding.

TYP, staff, DOE Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director are discussing ideas on how we can sustain and expand the TYP established programs Overall, the program has impacted many students.

We are actively preparing

MOU’s, support letters and writing a grant proposal to continue the TYP program. The grant proposal will be submitted prior to the due date on Feb. 24, 2015.

Another possibility was seeking out third party billing with the state to support SAFE schools mentoring/prevention on behalf of TYP until new funding becomes available, but would the Tribes be willing to do a cost reimbursement.

Another slight problem is not being able to provide services for students in extracurricular activities. We are now requiring TYP counselors to become more visible in the school by visiting during lunch hour, working with counselors to work with tribal youth who may be failing on their grades or EOI testing.

Transportation Issues; A major problem is transportation, for after school program activities, transporting student’s home from school.

The Department of Education vans are always in need of vehicle maintenance. One is over 13 years old, while the caravan is about 6 years old but has problems with the battery. If the key is not turned off in a certain way before removing, a battery dies while parked.

The other large van was purchased by Higher Education funds and BIA has requested that the van be used for such. The El Reno TYP uses that van so it does not travel far distances, but if anyone else needs it, the TYP has no other vehicles to transport students home.

Canton has the 13+ year old van. Canton TYP has grown to as many as 28 attendees. Providing transportation is a major task since some are from outside of Canton, while others reside near Lonsdale, Oklahoma. We do request parents help by that is not always available. So far, that van is working well.

Clinton relies on the Respect van but that too is not always accessible. That vehicle is always in use, regardless if there were no Respect activities that day. It was our understanding that the vehicle may be in use for “other” purposes.

Hammon uses the orange car to transport staff to the area, but it is only a four-seated, so that leaves only three seats for students.

When we do field trips, we have to limit participants or establish eligibility criteria to attend. And then we still have to limit one or two communities to go at a time since there is not enough room for all communities to go at one time, unless Respect vehicles are available.

The TYP-FFC youth summits will be coming up in May and June. We may have to rent vehicles for that event.

Adult Education Program (BIA)

No program achievements or highlights reported.

Higher Education (BIA) No program achievements or highlights reported.

Language Program (ANA)

The language program was awarded their second Administrative for Native Americans grant

The language program is in its second year of the three year grant award period. The grant objective work plan (OWP) is for developing a curriculum and teachers guides for levels one and conduct video, audio and person to person interviews of language speakers, who may speak or have knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho languages. The communities have responded and are actively involved in Cheyenne languages classes and Arapaho language classes.

The grant objectives in the final grant period will be to begin certifying language teachers, under the State of Oklahoma World Languages certification criteria. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes will first certify their language teachers at the tribal level. It is projected that five (5) certified Cheyenne Teachers and five (5) Arapaho teachers by the end of the grant period.

Linguists: In 2014 Wayne Lehman a language linguist under an invitation from the language Program was invited to come to Concho, Oklahoma and conduct a Cheyenne language workshop. Dr. Steve Gray Morning was also invited to the Arapaho Canton community to conduct an Arapaho language workshop.

Social Media: short language classes are offered on Facebook, YouTube, and on our language program site; www.calanguage.com language applications and a Talking Dictionary are in the making.

Upon successful completion of the ANA grant the language program will start a master apprentice program which we hope will guide and lead to a language immersion school.

On Jan. 30, 2015 the language program held its first language forum a total of 90 tribal members attended and participate, expressing concerns and providing guidance on the language program development

Solicitation of language speakers who want to serve as a member of and Language Advisory Board was presented to the attendees and applications were taken. A language Advisory board is now being developed and applications will be screened and applicants will be considered by the Language Program staff and make selections on who will be chosen as members of this important Advisory Board.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Vocational Rehabilitation program has been refunded under a 5 year grant, for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019. The federal grant dollars come from the U.S. Department of Education and are \$412,000.00 annually per year, with a required Tribal funding (Gaming) match at 11% (\$45,779.00) per year.

The Vocational Rehabilitation staff is currently planning a “Disability Awareness Day” which will tentatively be held on April 9, 2015 at the Clinton Community Hall, in Clinton. Other Tribal programs will be invited for their input and involvement as well.

Department of Rehabilitation Services Vocational Rehabilitation Job Placement: Ms. Hauli Gray serves as the Job Placement Specialists as program funded by the Department of Rehabilitation Services State of Oklahoma.

This state funded program is a partnership between the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the State of Oklahoma, allowing the hiring of an employee and merger to provide services within Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal service area, western Oklahoma. Program activities includes; consumer meetings, conduct pre-employment interviews and preparations, assist with applications and resumes, refer consumers to respective employers, worth with consumers one on one to help prepare them for the work force environment and establish a good rapport with potential employers.

The following statistics reflect the number of consumers/clients served in 2014; Current referrals from C&A Tribal vocational Rehabilitation program 6, current referrals from the state DRS 14, number of consumers currently employed 4, Total current number of consumers/clients, 20.

Positive Program Highlights:

Ms. Hauli Gray received the Gold Star Award on Dec. 17, 2014 from the State Department of Rehabilitation Awards ceremony in Oklahoma City at the Western Heritage and Cowboy Museum.

Assisting the State DRS develop and conduct a Job Club with Tribal Students at Riverside Indian School.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program is currently in the planning stages for a Disability Awareness Day in 2015.

Conclusion: As the Assistant Executive Director, I commend the Executive Branch for taking this proactive and positive approach in sharing program information with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal members and communities.

Department of Enrollment

2015 Deadlines for Enrollment

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday, June 30

Wednesday, September 30

Thursday, December 31

The Burden of Proof form in the Enrollment Application is now the Department’s respon-

sibility instead of the applicants.

The Department of Enrollment and Planning Departments are in the progress of updating the Enrollment Ordinance.

Burial Program

\$7,000 Burial Grant for every enrolled Tribal Member

Up to **\$1,000** for Meal & Transportation Assistance per Tribal Member

\$500 Headstone Assistance per Tribal Member

Provides a Pendleton Blanket per Tribal Member

The Burial Program consists of a Coordi-

nator, Office Manager, and two Cemetery Groundskeepers.

For 2015 the Program will focus on establishing a registry for all Tribal Cemeteries, including grave identification and mapping as well as acquiring additional land for the Watonga Tribal Cem-

etry.

Total Membership Report as of Feb. 6, 2015

0-17 yrs.	3,078
18-54 yrs.	7,550
55-105 yrs.	2,006
Total	Enrolled
12,634	

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Annual New Members Comparison Enrollment Year	
2013	2014
Adults	
8	11
Minors	
171	253
Total Enrolled:	
179	269

Department of Treasury

FINANCE

* Total 2014 Casino Revenue \$ 41,989,586.27, which is a positive achievement for this Administration.

* Easton Yellowfish, Employee of the Year 2014, received an Honor Certificate. Under his direction, the 2014 Per Capita payments were received in record time.

PAYROLL

* On October 22, 2014 Tribal employees began Pay-Com Time Tracking training, in which they are able to ‘clock-in’ at their computers, or at a ‘hard time clock’ if necessary. The Department of Treasury was one of the first departments to begin Employee Time Tracking.

This is an on-going project, until all departments are connected to Time Tracking.

TRAVEL

* The travel department continues to assist Tribal employees with their Travel needs, to the best of their ability. One, of the 3-travel employees is available on weekends to assist with

‘emergency’ situations.

* Travel authorizations, for 2014, are close to completion, and ready for Auditing.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

* The accounts payable department added an on-call employee to assist the Gaming Tech with process-

ing of Elder check requests, to ensure vendors receive payment in a timely manner. The A/P Techs remain at work until all vendor checks are process, which demonstrates their dedication to their jobs.

TAX COMMISSION

* The Tax Commission Tag office employees contin-

ue to serve Tribal members in a friendly and professional manner.

* Phase 1 of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Justice Center Project #ZA1412 has begun, with a \$35,910 payment, for Invoice #1 to Zimmerschied Architect.



Darlington boys runner up in ORES tourney

Hopeful fans of the Darlington Chiefs boys basketball team filled the stands for the Organization of Rural Elementary Schools’ (ORES) State Tournament, Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 at Shawnee High School, cheering the boys on to a near win.

The Division III team gave it their all. After beating both Harmony and Marble

City teams, Darlington played the Grant Tigers in a fast-paced game, trading the lead back and forth by the second, yet lost the game as the buzzer finally sounded.

Members of the team honored with Most Valuable Player status are Allen Sioux #1 and A’Vaughtaie Shockey #24.

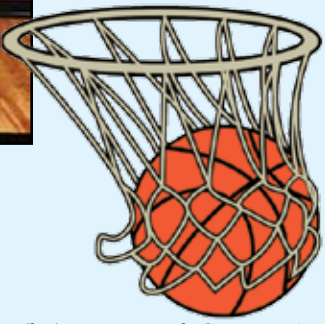
The final score was 32-31, Grant.



TRIBAL TIDBITS



Boys:
Kneeling (l-r) Talon Smithwick, Ethan Campbell, Andre Sweezy and Blaine Fasthorse
Standing (l-r) Anakin Curley, Head Coach Reggie Island, Ethan Brooks, Colt Wilkerson, Dyson Plumley, Eli Hollis, Silas Miles, Josiah Bailey, Asst. Coach Marshall Williamson



Girls:
Kneeling (l-r) Diamond Owens, Arianna Long, Abby Ochoa, Samantha Paukei
Standing (l-r) McKenzie Martin, Lauren Hamilton, Charlee Bushyhead, Masiya Rose, Kayla Jones, Head Coach Parry RomanNose



Employee of the month January 2015- Jon Stonecalf from Concho Travel Center.

Comments from the secret shopper, “Big John clearly loved his job. He was really cool and funny. He is the type of person who makes you feel special being there and makes you want to come back. He definitely made me leave on a high note. The interaction with him was the best experience I had in January. He really seemed happy that I came to Lucky Star Casino.”

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Program



The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Program is currently offering services to eligible federally recognized Native Americans who reside in the following counties: Canadian, Custer, Beckham, Blaine, Dewey, Kingfisher, Roger Mills, and Washita.

Are you currently enrolled at a local technology center or trade school? Are you in need of employment? Have you found

employment and need help retaining new employment? Do you receive TANF or other forms of State Public Assistance? Are you a veteran?

The ETA Program offers applications for Employment, Training, and Supportive Services. ETA Applications for services are available online at www.michaelwood.publishpath.com/eta or call at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27494 or (405) 422-7494 for more information. Thank you.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Basketball Tryouts

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program will be having basketball tryouts for grades 9th thru 12th on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Darlington Middle School Gym.

Tryouts for grades 5th thru 8th will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., also at the Darlington Middle School Gym.

Please contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program for additional information at (405) 422-7572.

Transportation Schedule:

- Hammon Community Center - 4:15 p.m.
- Canton Shell Gas Station - 4:15 p.m.
- Watonga Food Distribution - 5 p.m.
- Clinton Homeland - 5 p.m.
- Weatherford Old Homeland - 5:10 p.m.
- El Reno Wal-Mart - 5:45 p.m.



Native American Programming

CATV-47 crew installed three 60” Sony TVs throughout the Tribal Complex for tribal members to enjoy some of the programming currently being produced at the CATV-47 Station.

One was installed in the main complex lobby, one in the legislative wing lobby and one in the education building lobby.

E A T I N G

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DIABETES

for

Sodas, coffee, tea, and energy drinks. Each of these is a source of caffeine.

Approximately 75 percent of children, adolescents and young adults in the U.S. consume caffeine, a compound that stimulates the central nervous system. In small doses, caffeine may help people of all ages feel more alert, awake or energetic. But what if you have more than just a little? In large doses, caffeine may cause irritability, impaired calcium metabolism, anxiety, rapid heart rate, elevated blood pressure and sleep problems. In fact, one study found that kids who consumed the most caffeine slept the fewest hours.

Because caffeine is in common beverages like colas and teas, parents and others may unknowingly offer excessive amounts of caffeine to children. Teens often deliberately consume large amounts. Some teens find that caffeine helps them perform better in school and on tests. If your teen carries a heavy academic load, he or she may reach for caffeine-containing foods and beverages to improve concentration during school and then again at night to stay up late for studying. Unfortunately, this can push the teen into a cycle of being unable to sleep because of the effects of caffeine, consuming more caffeine to fight fatigue from lack of sleep and then having trouble falling asleep again.

How much is too much? The Food and Drug Administration has not set

Caffeine Consumption in Children & Adolescents

Kerri L. Felmlee, MS, RDN, LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

guidelines for safe caffeine consumption. The Canadian government, however, recommends the following daily caffeine limits.

Ages 4-6 years: 45 mg, about the amount in one can of cola.

Ages 7-9 years: 62 mg

Ages 10-12 years: 85 mg

According to a study in the *Journal of Pediatrics*, American children consume more than the recommended limit in Canada.

If your kids act jittery or anxious, or if they have trouble sleeping, reducing their caffeine intake is a smart idea. Because coffee, tea and soft drinks contribute more caffeine to the diet than other foods and beverages, limiting these beverages is a good place to start. Steering clear of foods with added caffeine such as energy drinks, jellybeans, gum and breath fresheners. Children and adolescents should completely avoid these products. If it's energy your kids are seeking, getting to bed earlier or taking a short nap is more productive than consuming caffeine that offers pep for a short time but may interfere with sleep later that evening.

Caffeine in Selected Foods and Beverages:

Food Caffeine [mg]

Coffee, 12-fl. oz. 260 mg.

Energy drinks, 8-fl. oz. 50-175 mg.

Espresso, 1-fl. oz. 75 mg.

Cola, 12-fl. oz. 50 mg.

Hot Tea, 1-cup, 48 mg.

Chocolate, semi-sweet chocolate, 1-oz., 18 mg.

Powwows & Events

CALENDAR

Mental Health Conference-Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative
9 a.m. - 4 p.m., March 4, 2015 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Registration 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sponsored by the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes and the Substance Abuse Program. Free event, everyone welcome to attend. To RSVP contact Kateri Fletcher at (580) 614-1402 or by email, kafletcher@c-a-tribes.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Benefit Dance
March 8, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dancing 4 p.m., supper 5:30 p.m., with dance to follow. The committee is now taking applications for 2015 princesses. For an application or more information contact any of the committee members, Lynn Littlehawk at (580) 547-9309, Melvin Miles at (405) 200-5052 or Willie Bullcoming at (580) 339-3320.

Chapter 1346 of NARFE Meeting
5:30 p.m., March 9, 2015 at the Mark's Restaurant in Weatherford, Okla. This meeting is for all current and past federal employees in Custer County and surrounding areas. For more information call Elizebeth Wilson at (405) 229-8495 or email ohelizebeth@cablone.net.

Memorial Dance for Harold Wauque Neconie Sr.
March 14, 2015 at the Women's Building at the Kingfisher County Fair Grounds in Kingfisher, Okla. Starts at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Sponsored by his wife Mary Neconie and family. For more information call (580) 540-9582.

Cheyenne District 2 & Arapaho District 2 Sprink Break Fun
March 16, 2015 at the Oklahoma City Zoo. Check in at 11 a.m., lunch will be served at noon.
March 18, 2015 at the Kingfisher Swimming Pool. Dinner served at 5 p.m., swim from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information call (405) 422-7680 or (405) 422-4770.

Memorial Dance for Mah-hi-vist Touching Cloud Goodblanket
March 21, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Melissa Goodblanket at (580) 309-1336.

80th Birthday Celebration for Betty White
2 p.m. - 4 p.m., March 28, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Please join us in celebrating the life of Betty. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a covered dish. For more information contact Krista Blackwolf at kblackwolf23@gmail.com, or Kerrie Blackwolf at kblackwolf33@gmail.com.

Graduation Honor Dance for Bruce Whiteman III
April 4, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., with program to follow. Special invitation to all chiefs. Special contest include Ironman, Fancy War Dance and Fancy Shawl combined, \$500. Winner take all in Southern Straight, sponsored by the Tsoitigh family, Women's Buckskin, three places with first place winning cash prize and Star Quilt. Sponsored by the graduates family in memory of Randi Marie Tsoitigh.

Happy 95th Birthday Dance for Doty Lumpmouth Jr.
April 4, 2015 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Painting ceremony at 2 p.m. by Grant Fletcher. Dance, 2 p.m. - 10 p.m., dinner served at 5 p.m. No giveaways. Family members are encouraged to bring a side dish and birthday gift. For more information contact Francine Williams at (405) 412.8715 or Nakayla Lumpmouth (405) 812-4988.

16th Birthday Dance for Aundrea Koshiway and Angel Koshiway
April 11, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Aundrea is the daughter of Joseph and Leighann Koshiway and granddaughter of Deswood Koshiway and Louella Oldbear.
Angel is the daughter of Leonard and Mia Koshiway and granddaughter of Lewis and Mabel Cozad.
Tentative program, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Gourd dance, 5 p.m. supper, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Gourd dance and 7:30 p.m. Round dance and Intertribal. Teen girl contest (13-19 years old), Cloth and Buckskin combined. 1st place, \$300, 2nd place \$200 and 3rd place \$100.
Sponsored by the Koshiway and Cozad families. For more information call Deswood Koshiway at (405) 823-8745 or Louella Oldbear at (405) 426-2278.

Ernest Big Medicine Memorial
Aug. 15, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. followed by Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Invited Northern Drum, Riverside Drum, Arapaho, WY. Men's Northern Traditional contest, 1st place, \$1000, 2nd place \$800 and 3rd place \$400.
Men's Grass Dance contest, 1st place, \$500, 2nd place \$300, and 3rd place \$200. For more information contact Merle Lopez (405) 262-0002.

Heart health
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workshops regarding family gardening and healthy eating, teaching women about healthy alternatives and activities easy to implement in daily life.
Feisty suggestions in one workshop group suggested

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING FOR FALL 2015

The deadline is **June 1, 2015** for submission of BIA-Higher Education Scholarship applications for FALL 2015.

We welcome your applications starting now. There is no longer an appeal process for late applications. BIA-Higher Ed applications can be copied from our tribal website [www.c-a-tribes.org/dept of education/higher education/application requirements](http://www.c-a-tribes.org/dept_of_education/higher_education/application_requirements). There are five pages to be copied. Applicants may send the one-page application, statement of privacy form, documents they already have by June 1st and send remaining documents as they receive them. A Gaming application is also due and that application can be copied from our tribal website as well.

An application can be mailed to you by sending an email request for an application to wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org. Applications must be sent to our office by U.S. mail to: Higher Education Program, PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022 or delivered to the Department of Education Office, 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, OK 73022 **NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2015.**

Please do not fax applications. Please do not email applications. Higher Education staff is available for advisement, counseling and questions you may have by calling (405) 422-7560; (405) 422-7653; (405) 422-7439 and (405) 422-7646, or toll free at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27560, ext. 27653, ext. 27439, or ext. 27646.

CALL FOR HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS or SALUTATORIANS

This is a call for information of selected high school valedictorians and salutatorians.

Please contact our office if your student has received one of the listed honors for high school graduation. You may email wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org, or call (405) 422-7560, (405) 422-7653, (405) 422-7439 or (405) 422-7646.

A special award will be made to these honored students at the annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Graduation Banquet. Date and site of the graduation banquet will be announced soon.

Friends and Family of high school graduates, please relay this information to those who reside outside of Oklahoma state and those who may not receive our tribal newspaper. Thank you.

NOTICE TO ALL DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

To all persons with disabilities living in the following counties, Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Kingfisher, Major, Roger Mills, Washita, Woodward and Ellis.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Vocational Rehabilitation program will open for review the policies of the program.

This policy review will take place 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., March 20, 2015, at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' annex building in room 239, 100 Red Moon Circle in Concho, Okla. Located next door to the main tribal complex.

If you have questions or for more information please call (888) 284-7725 or (405) 422-7617.

The Southern Arapaho Alphabet

By Ray Mosqueda, Hinono'ei Noooxunehii

The vowels: i, o, u

The consonants: b, c, h, k, n, s, š, t, 3, w, x, y

The last vowel is the u and is used as 'u' and 'uu'.

The u has a short sound as in 'put' and the uu sounds like the oo sound in 'shoot'.

Let's practice some words.

Ceenóku (jan-naw-koo), means to sit down.

CeikooHu (jay-kaw-hoo), means to run here.

A couple words using the uu are 3ii'ookuu (thee-aw-koo), meaning to stand up and hoowuuni (haw-woonee) can mean not, nothing, zip, and is the zero in counting.

The vowel 'i' sounds shorts as in the word 'bit'. The 'ii' sounds like the long e sound as in beet.

Ce'bisee (ja-bi-saa), means to walk.

Heešitee (haa-shi-taa), means hot.

Words such as Hii3eti' (ee-the-ti), means good.

Snake is spelled šiišiyeei (shee-shee-yay).

Now for the vowel 'o'.

The o and oo sounds are the same, as in the word hot, but the oo is sounded out longer. Some words to practice on would be no'oo (nu-awww) meaning mother.

Co'coo (jaw'-jaww) is the word for bread.

Hece'nohobe3en (haa-che'-no-ho-be-then) means I will see you again.

To learn more about the Arapaho language classes offered through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Department, contact Rebecca Risenhoover at (405) 422.7422.

Express your Native pride

Are you an American Indian woman with a strong sense of style?

We are looking for women who want to show how they express their Native pride while living in a modern world.

American Indian women of all ages are encouraged to send a few photos and a short description of themselves, their sense of style and their thoughts on being a Native woman in Oklahoma.

Several women will be selected to come to the downtown studio to be featured in a photo shoot and video documentary for The Oklahoman and NewsOK.com.

Send your photos and statements to hwarlick@opubco.com, or mail them to Heather Warlick, The Oklahoman, 100 W. Main, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73102.

For more information call (405) 475-4098.

Easy Sloppy Joes

Cooking with USDA Foods

Furnished by Food Distribution Program

1 pound lean ground beef

1-10.75 oz. can condensed chicken gumbo soup

2 tablespoons ketchup

1 tablespoon yellow mustard

1-1/4 cups water

salt to taste

ground black pepper to taste

In large skillet over medium heat, brown meat, drain any grease from pan. Stir in soup, ketchup, yellow mustard, water, salt and pepper.

Turn heat to medium-low, simmer uncovered for about one hour until liquid is absorbed and mixture is thickened.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy 1st Birthday
March 4
Cynthia Rose Bullcoming!
You are a Blessing to us and we are looking forward to many more!
We love you!!
From Mom and Dad



“To a wonderful wife and a very loving mother, we wish you a very Happy 15th Sobriety Birthday!!! We are very proud of you!!! May the Creator bless you with many more.”
With much love from your husband and your son.



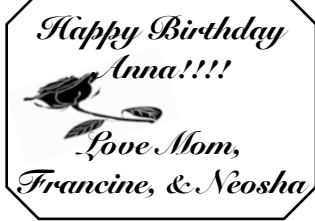
Congratulations!!
We are so proud of you two boys, you done an awesome job.
Runner Ups at ORES State Tournament
Josiah Bailey and Blaine Fasthorse
Proud parents, Dustin Bailey, Anissa White & Jeff Spottedbird.
Margaret & Thomas Fasthorse.



Happy 3rd birthday to our babygirl! Cayli Anyah Pedro Feb. 24, 2013
Its amazingly beautiful how much you have grown in these 3 years lil girlfriend!! We luv you so so SO much you wouldn't believe it! We are going to make your day fabulous! Biixoo3e3en always nd forever babygirl!! Momma Leah, Daddy Lawrence, big sis Carlina, lil brothers Lil G and King



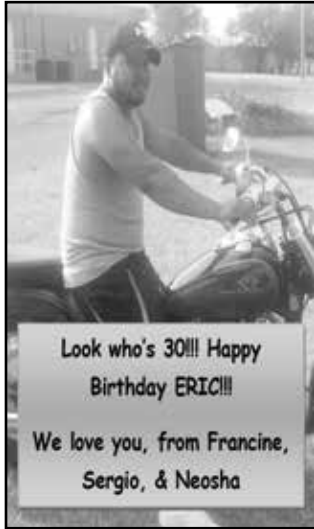
Happy 2nd birthday Danaiya RedShin Aguilar! Mar. 1st, love your family



Happy Belated Franny!!!!
Love you from Francine, Sissy, & Neosha



March 4, 1997
Happy 18th Birthday Mollie Harrison
A daughter is a wonderful blessing, treasure from above. She's laughter, warmth and special charm. She's thoughtfulness and love. A daughter brings a special joy hat comes from deep inside.
And as she grows to adulthood, She fills your heart with pride. No words can describe the memories, the pride and gratitude too ...
That comes from having a daughter. to love and cherish....just like you!
All my love forever and always, Mom



Happy 8th birthday, March 10th
Happy eighth birthday Nakai Fourhorns
We love you, mom & grandma & Sariah & Solomon and all the Fourhorns family



Happy Belated Birthday Ronda Redshin! Feb 23rd
Love your family



Obituaries

In Loving Memory of Carolyn (Miles) Lone Elk Feb. 10, 1952-Feb. 17, 2015
An all night Wake Service was held on Feb. 20, 2015 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.
Funeral services were held Feb. 21 also at the Hammon Community Center, followed by an interment at the Hammon Indian Cemetery.



Gerald Gene Whiteman, aka “Sky”, 48, of Peoria, AZ, passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, in Surprise, Ariz., after battling with a medical illness for four years. He was surrounded by his family.
Gerald was born on Jan. 16, 1967 in Clinton, Okla., to Edith Juanita Whiteman.
Gerald is preceded in death by his sister, Janice Badback of Towaoc, Colorado and one granddaughter, Eradessa Ludin Correa.
He leaves behind his wife, Nancy J. Whiteman of

Peoria, Ariz.; two sons, Jerick S Whiteman and Jaron D. Whiteman; one daughter, Jereca Whiteman; four grandchildren, Alexia, Ania, Aric and Love; three brothers Dennis Whiteman, Artestia, N.M., Eddie and Harry; one sister, Vina Bissonette; mother, Edith J Whiteman Bissonette and stepfather, Richard Wayne Bissonette of Hammon, Okla.
Gerald graduated from Hammon High School in 1987. He later joined the U.S. Navy in 1988 and served for seven years, living in El Cajon, Calif. After his service, Gerald moved to Phoenix, Ariz. Prior to his illness, Gerald was a truck driver.
Funeral Service were held on Jan. 28, 2015 at First Indian Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., with Pastor Shaun Whitey officiating. An Interment followed at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.
Gerald is greatly missed by his family and his friends.

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OFFICE PHONE: 405-422-7873
FAX: 405-422-8261
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NUTRITION EDUCATION DEMO RECIPE:
EASY CABBAGE SOUP
INGREDIENTS:
6 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
4 stalks celery, chopped
6 carrots, chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium head cabbage, shredded
1/2 cup barley
2 cups diced ham
1 tablespoon dried parsley
DIRECTIONS:
1. Place the chicken broth, celery, carrots, onion, garlic, cabbage, barley, ham and parsley in a large pot over high heat.
2. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 1/2 hours.
EASY SLOPPY JOES
INGREDIENTS:
1 pound lean ground beef
1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed chicken gumbo soup
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 tablespoon yellow mustard
1 1/4 cups water
salt to taste
ground black pepper to taste
DIRECTIONS:
1. In large skillet over medium heat, brown meat. Drain any grease from pan.
2. Stir in soup, ketchup, yellow mustard, water, salt and pepper.
3. Turn heat to medium-low; simmer uncovered for about 1 hour until liquid is absorbed and mixture is thickened.

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM						
MARCH 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 N. Ed. Demo @ Clinton Housing PanCake Day	5	6 Closed for Training	7
8	9	10 Clinton Tailgate	11 Selling Tailgate Nut. Ed. Outreach TBA	12 Hammon Tailgate	13	14
15	16	17 Clinton Tailgate Nut. Ed. Cabbage Day	18 Nut. Ed. Sloppy Joes w/ Sweet Pot. Fries	19 Elk City Tailgate	20	21
22	23	24 Diabetes Alert Day	25 Pecan Day	26 Spinach Day	27	28
29	30 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	31 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH			

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March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Adult Ball League El Reno, OK	2 Bowling League @ Concho & Clinton Canton Class @ Canton Gym 4-6pm CII-Cmptr Class 1 8:30-10am Computer Class 2 10:30-12pm Clinton Parent Meeting	3 JOM OFFICE CLOSED JOM CONFERENCE Canton TYP Clinton Class @ Community Hall 5:30-7:30pm Geary Class @ Community Hall 5:30-7:30pm Clinton GED 3-4pm Geary/Selling GED 1-3pm Canton Parent Meeting	4 JOM OFFICE CLOSED JOM CONFERENCE Selling @ Community Hall 4-6pm Canton GED 5-12pm HS Basketball Tryouts @ El Reno, OK	5 CHILD CARE IS CLOSED FOR TRAINING El Reno/Geary TYP Concho Class @ NAC bldg. 5:30-7:30pm Film Susan Harjo @OU Clinton GED 3-4pm Parenting 5:30-11am @ CLJ Master's in Native American Leadership program session I 6-7:30pm @Dept. of EDU	6 Master's in Native American Leadership program session II 11:30-1pm @Dept. of EDU Management MTG @15:30	7
8 Adult Ball League Clinton, OK	9 Bowling League @ Concho & Clinton Canton Class @ Canton Gym 4-6pm Kingfisher Class @ God's Covenant 5:30-7:30pm CII-Cmptr Class 1 8:30-10am Computer Class 2 10:30-12pm	10 Canton TYP Come n Go Student Mtg @ Redlands Community College 1-3pm Clinton Class @ Community Hall 5:30-7:30pm Geary Class @ Community Hall 5:30-7:30pm Clinton GED 3-4pm Geary/Selling GED 1-3pm	11 Student Meeting @SWOSU 1-3pm Commuter Lounge Hammon @ Community Hall 4-6pm Watonga @ Multipurpose bldg. 5:30-7:30pm Canton GED 5-12pm Concho Parent Meeting	12 Thomas JOM Parent Meeting @6pm Thomas Tribal Youth Bldg. El Reno/Geary TYP Concho Class @ NAC bldg. 5:30-7:30pm Film Native Drums @ 1pm Clinton GED 3-4pm Parenting 5:30-11am @ CLJ	13 Thomas JOM Parent Meeting @6pm Thomas Tribal Youth Bldg. Incentive Trip	14
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SPRING BREAK

CLASSIFIEDS

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email kwhitehorse@c-a-tribes.org.

**Executive Secretary
Education Department
Closing: March 9, 2015**

Qualifications:
Must possess a high school diploma and/or a bachelor’s degree from an accredited school or have at least three years, experience with federal, state, or tribal governments. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have dependable transportation. Must have the ability to maintain a wholesome and favorable rapport with the general public, public school administrators, tribal members, program directors/coordinators, tribal employees and vendors. Must be computer literate and have public speaking skills. Must be willing to work beyond the normal working hours. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference
SALARY: Negotiable

**Director
Emergency Mgt. Program
Closing: March 9, 2015**

Qualifications:
Possession of a baccalaureate degree with two years experience in a management position, or four years experience in management of public safety or related community service work or a combination of both. Certified as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructor. Certified as a CPR/First Aid Instructor or experience as an Emergency Medical Responder. Have completed ICS 300, ICS 400, ICS 800, E/L 580, E/L 581, E/L 582, E/L 583 and E/L 449. Have experience or training with Livestock and Wildlife Rescue (LART). Have experience or training with firefighting. Have experience or training in emergency preparedness. Have experience or training in Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Tribal preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Administrative Officer
Security Department
Closing: March 6, 2015**

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. College degree preferred. Experience in Law Enforcement/Security. Experience in records and/or database management. Knowledge in operation of various office machines. Prefer a minimum of two years experience in administrative duties. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Typing skills of at least 45 wpm. Proficiency in grammar, spelling and punctuation. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Ability to complete C.L.E.E.T courses. Must be able to attend conferences, trainings, or meetings as required by Tribal Security. Must have a valid Oklahoma state driver’s license. Must be able to pass background check. Must be able to pass drug screening. Ability to relate with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Physical Fitness Assist.
Health Education
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Personal trainer or physical fitness specialist certification preferred. High school diploma or General Education Equivalency required. Some college preferred. Two years experience in physical activity, sports or recreation. Must have driver’s license, own vehicle, and proof of insurance. Must be willing to obtain CPR and First Aid Certification. Familiar with organization policies and procedures. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference. Knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho cultures. Must be willing to work flexible hours including nights and weekends. Must be willing and able to attend various training programs as designated by the program director. Must pass background check.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Greenhouse Garden Aide
Watonga
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Prefer knowledge and experience in the area of gardening and greenhouses. Knowledge of traditional Native foods and cultivation of foods. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Display a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner. Ability to communicate proficiently both orally and written. High school diploma or GED certification and background check required. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Office Aide
Transportation Program
Closing: March 4, 2015**

Qualifications:
The position requires a responsible individual who is able to work independently with little supervision, some direction/instruction, and perform duties as assigned. Incumbent should be able to follow directions and communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Applicant should possess clerical skills, such as typing and ten-key, and should possess some knowledge in use of Microsoft Excel, Word, with a strong emphasis in MS Access to develop and update a database of records. The office aide requires an individual who has knowledge in database and records management. Certification of Completion from an accredited secretarial school and/or clerical course/program or certification of completion of MS Access Software desired. Minimum education requirements are either a high school diploma or GED certification. Experience in records and/or database management. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver’s license. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Receptionist / Licensing
Technician
Gaming Commission /
Concho, OK
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
High School Degree or Equivalent. Minimum two years of clerical/administrative experience. Computer literate. Familiar with practices/procedures of the gaming industry. Ability to maintain high level of confidentiality. Strong work ethic. Available to work evenings and weekends. Pass extensive background check. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Office Clerk
Dept. of Enrollment
Closing: March 5, 2015**

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. Prefer experience in general office procedures, filing, typing, data entry, answering telephone and working with the public. Knowledge of program policies and regulations a plus. Ability to relate and work with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Adult Education
Counselor
Canton, OK
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s Degree in Education or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Cheyenne & Arapaho Indian preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Caretaker Part-Time
(Potential Full Time)
Concho Community Hall,
Concho, OK
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Reliable and dependable. Able to handle weights and loads, lift up to 50 pounds, bending, pushing and squatting; climbing ladders; works with hands in water containing stringent cleaning agents. Willing to work other than normal working hours, when necessary especially weekends. Due to the sensitive nature of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal customs and traditions. Familiar with Cheyenne tribal customs and Arapaho tribal customs. Completion of high school or GED. One (1) year’s experience in custodial work desirable. Must know methods, materials and equipment used in custodial work. Experience may substitute for education. Able to follow oral and written directions. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal preference
SALARY: Negotiable

**Evenings/Weekend
Attendant-George
Hawkins Treatment
Center
Closing: March 5, 2015**

Qualifications:
Must have high school diploma or GED certification. Must have maintained at least two years of sobriety. Must appreciate and support the program and the recovery of the client. Must have a telephone, a driver’s license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible hours including holidays. Must be able to pass a physical exam with TB test. Background check and Random UA required. Cheyenne & Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Court Bailiff
Judicial Branch
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s degree preferred or 4-years experience in law enforcement or legal services. Strong typing and hands-on computer skills a must. Must abide by confidentiality policies. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures preferred. Must pass pre-hire and random drug screening.
SALARY: Negotiable

**Admin. Assistant
Emergency Mgt. Program
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Four years of responsible administrative support experience relevant to the essential job functions or associate’s degree. Successfully pass pre-employment reference and criminal history checks. Any combination of education and experience that provides an applicant with knowledge, skill and ability to successfully perform the job will be considered. Effective research and record keeping methods and techniques desired. Considerable knowledge of proper business communications, punctuation, grammar and spelling necessary. Ability to pay strict attention to detail and accuracy. Able to understand and execute complex oral and written instructions. Apply appropriate independent initiative, discretion, judgment and organizational skills. Understands and apply available guidelines, policies or procedures in diverse situations. Ability to prepare written materials in clear, correct and comprehensible terms from general notes or concepts. Tribal preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

**ICW Program
Coordinator
Closing: Until Filled**

Qualifications:
Master’s degree in social work or related field preferred or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have ability to work with high number of clients and work as efficiently as possible. Ability to work flexible hours, other than normal working hours, including weekends, and holidays as needed. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions. Must understand the program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidential regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures and values.
SALARY: Negotiable

**On Call Admin Assist.
Health Board
Closing: March 12, 2015**

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. At least one year experience, preferably in administrative or clerical field. Valid Oklahoma state driver’s license. Must pass a drug screen. Must have reliable transportation. Be able to attend all Health Board meetings. Be able to pass a background check. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

CHEYENNE & ARAPAH0 TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
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P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

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In The Matter Of The Dissolution of Marriage Of:)
MELISSA BLACK METHVIN)
vs.)
GARY LYNN METHVIN JR.)

Case No: JED-2010-0021

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: GARY LYNN METHVIN

You are hereby notified that MELISSA BLACK METHVIN has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution Of Marriage. The Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 8th day of APRIL, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2015.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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CAROLINE P. BOTONE)
Petitioner,)
vs.)
RONNIE L. HARJO, JR.)
Respondent,)

Case No: CIV-2014-0094

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: RONNIE L. HARJO, JR.

You are hereby notified that CAROLINE P. BOTONE has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, A.G.B.H and C.J.B.H minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 20th day of MAY, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 11th day of FEBRUARY, 2015.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Caroline Botone

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FABRICATING**

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Owner/Operator  
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# Southeastern offers unique master’s degree in Native American leadership

DURANT, Okla. – Southeastern Oklahoma State University will offer a unique new master’s degree in Native American leadership.

The “Master of Science in Native American Leadership (MSNAL)” recently received final approval from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The MSNAL, to be delivered online, is unique due to the fact that it offers a combination of Native American history and organizational leadership in one degree.

Co-directors of the project are Dr. Bryon Clark, associate vice president for academic affairs and graduate dean, and Chris Wesberry, director of the Native American Center for Student Success.

“Southeastern is recognized around the country as a leader in providing higher education opportunities and services to its Native American students,” said Southeastern president Sean Burtage. “This innovative new master’s degree certainly enhances the programs we have in place at the University. We believe that the MSNAL will generate a great deal of interest to students.”

Wesberry agreed, noting that several students inquired about the new program at the recent National Indian Education Association annual convention and trade show, to which Southeastern sent representatives.

“The MSNAL is a result of University faculty and staff working with tribal partners to develop a graduate degree that includes Native American topics and leadership concepts,” Wesberry said. “Specifically combining the two areas into one degree was of utmost importance as we were developing the courses. With this degree, students are able to take courses such as ‘Effective Communication Through Presentation,’ while also taking ‘Geography and Treaties.’ The combination of historical and culturally relevant courses with courses focused on leadership skills is very unique.”

For more information about the new degree program, contact Chris Wesberry at (580) 745-2376.

In addition to the MSNAL, the State Regents also approved a new option for Southeastern’s MBA program in Native American Leadership. Students can now take targeted courses from the MSNAL program as part of this new MBA option.

For more information, contact Dr. Lawrence Silver at (580) 745-3190 or Robert Howard at (580) 745-2042 in the John Massey School of Business.

According to ‘Diverse Issues In Higher Education,’ Southeastern ranks sixth in the nation in producing Native American graduates (all

disciplines combined) in the Baccalaureate degree category. This is the second year in a row that Southeastern has held this distinction.

Also in the Baccalaureate category and for the fourth consecutive year, Southeastern ranks first in the nation in producing Native American graduates in Engineering Technologies and Engineering, Related Fields (Occupational Safety & Health).

The University also ranks number two nationally in graduates in Physical Sciences and Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs (Native American).

In the master’s degree rankings, Southeastern is number one for the fifth consecutive year in Engineering Technologies and Engineering-Related Fields (Occupational Safety & Health-Native American).

In addition, Southeastern recently received a \$1.1 million (four-year) grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Indian Education. This Native American

Excellence In Education (NAEIE) Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Grant will partner with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation. It will serve 12 Native American Education majors pursuing degrees in Early Childhood and/or Special Education.



## Master's in Native American Leadership program

- 1 yr./2 yr. program
- 8 week courses
- Native American teachers
- Native American and Leadership emphasis

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and Southeastern Oklahoma State University partnership

2 informative sessions provided by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education

March 5th @ 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Thursday evening @ Department of Education, 101B  
March 6th @ 11:30 – 1:00 pm, Friday afternoon @ Department of Education, 101B

For more information (405) 422.7611 or fwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org

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# Bataan Death March re-enactment at Whitesands New Mexico



Fifteen Cadets and four staff members from Cycle 44 of the Thunderbird Youth Academy/Oklahoma National Guard ChalleNGe program will

participate in the annual Bataan Death March re-enactment in Whitesands New Mexico on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. The challenging 26.3 mile event is done in recognition of the brave soldiers, seaman, airman and marines who in WWII set upon the path in the Philippines by the Japanese. Participating Ca-

dets learn many valuable lessons from the event as well as get to meet people from all over the United States and world who complete in this annual event. Thunderbird Cadets are currently trying out for selection and working hard to be part of the team chosen for this honorable event.

In the five weeks of

cycle, 44 Cadets from the Thunderbird Youth Academy assisted in the beatification of the city of Pryor Oklahoma and Local State parks doing multiple projects in the city and county cleaning area parks and civic areas.

The Cadets of class 44 earned a total of 640 group hours. Cadets of the Oklahoma National Guard

program are required as part of their eight core components to earn a minimum of 40 hrs of service to the Community while volunteering to attend the 22 week program.

The areas cadets provided service to, so far, are Whitaker Park, Pryor Walking trail, Disney State Park and Langley State Park among others.



## CRAFT TIME

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO CULTURE AND HERITAGE PROGRAM WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME JOIN US AND LEARN THE ART OF TYING DANCE SHAWLS: AND FOR THE SINGERS, COME MAKE YOUR OWN DRUM STICK (MATERIALS PROVIDED).

WHERE: SEILING COMMUNITY HALL  
WHEN: MARCH 4TH & 5TH  
TIME: 6:00PM-8:00PM  
FEE \$20.00 PER PARTICIPANT INCLUDES BOTH DAYS FEE DUE AT REGISTRATION BY CASH OR MONEY ORDER

ANY CRAFTS YOU MAKE WILL BE YOURS TO KEEP, ANYONE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR SEWING MACHINES.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AND MONITORED BY PARENTS  
MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CULTURE & HERITAGE PROGRAM @ EXT. 27433 OR 27704





## NATIVE AMERICAN HIV AWARENESS DAY 2015

MARCH 12, 2015  
9:00AM-4:00PM

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# Great Plains Symposium to bring Native scholars, talent

Lincoln, Neb. – Registration is now open for the 2015 Great Plains Symposium, an event that will bring several important figures active in the current Native American economic and cultural renewal to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus on May 14 and 15.

The Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs have teamed up to bring an exceptional gathering of Native American talent to the 2015 Great Plains Symposium. “Standing Bear and the Trail Ahead” will explore the status, challenges,

and especially the opportunities and prospects that Native Americans and First Peoples face going forward.

“You will be able to see, hear, be provoked and challenged by, learn from, and simply take enormous pleasure in the phenomenal line-up of Native American talent on display, it’s not to be missed,” Center Director Richard Edwards said.

The Symposium, which incorporates the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs’ Standing Bear Breakfast, promises to be a signal event in building awareness and confidence in the Indian economic and cultural resur-

gence. The Symposium will explore the status, challenges, and especially the opportunities that, despite terrible enduring problems, Native Americans and First Peoples face going forward. It will be highly informative for anyone, Native and non-Native, who is concerned about the future well-being of Native Americans in the Great Plains.

Presenters and performers will look critically and expansively at the current status and future prospects of Native peoples. These presenters include author Sherman Alexie, national TV correspondent Hattie

Kauffman, entrepreneur Lance Morgan, attorney Wilson Pipestem, public official Ponka-We Victors, activist Winona LaDuke, and Intertribal Buffalo Council president Jim Stone. Songwriter and folksinger Buffy Sainte-Marie will perform on May 15 at Kimball Recital Hall as part of the Symposium.

“Joining forces with the Great Plains Center will allow our annual Standing Bear Breakfast to grow to a new level. The Symposium will interpret history, share perspectives and bring nationally-acclaimed leaders, writers and artists to Lin-

coln, as we look with pride towards the future,” said NCIA Executive Director Judi Gaiashkibos. “It is an important and very encouraging step forward for the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs.”

More information, including registration, is available at [go.unl.edu/standing-bear2015](http://go.unl.edu/standing-bear2015). Early registration is highly recommended due to limited space. Registration before April 1 will be at a discounted price. The symposium will take place at several buildings on or near the University of Nebraska – Lincoln’s downtown campus.



Songwriter and folk singer, Buffy Sainte-Marie will perform on May 15 at Kimball Recital Hall as part of the symposium.



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